
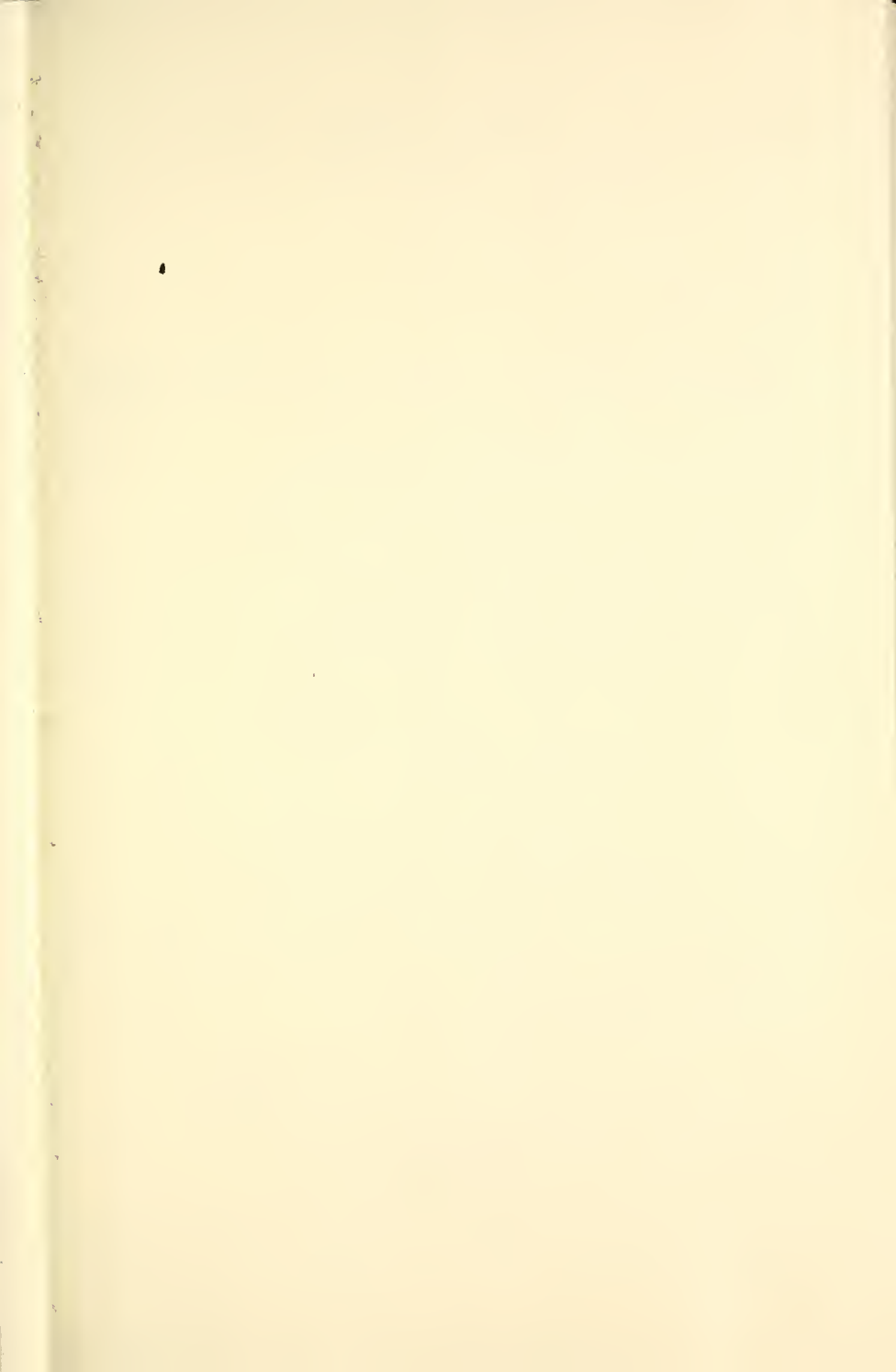


PAUL R. MYERS
Box 117
Greentown, Ohio



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2011 with funding from
LYRASIS members and Sloan Foundation





Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

19305

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

JANUARY 1, 1982

NO. 1

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

I'LL NOT LOOK BACK

by Lea Helms (Davis)

I'll not look back for that is useless effort,
I cannot live one moment of yesterday again,
If I have caused someone I love deep pain
I cannot change the words or acts by grieving
But I can make today a shining light,
Yesterday's page with all mistakes I'll turn away from
And find before me a clean one on which to write.
I'll pray for strength to make today's page spotless
That tomorrow I'll have no regret,
And may God grant that all tomorrows
My talents will be used for good not one misspent.

- selected by Sister Lisa Musselman

POSSIBILITIES

As we enter upon a new year we pause to look back at the old. We consider the joys, successes and victories of the past year but at the same time we must acknowledge its losses, evils and failures. To merely look back and bemoan the unwanted and unhappy times will only cause further sorrow, if we do not profit from them. If we learn from our past then our looking back will not be in vain. If we just add the past to our present failures then we will double our load as we enter the new year.

Paul tells us to forget what is past. We can never change it, whether good or bad. The memories of the past may prove inspirational to us as long as we do not stand on past successes. We must continue to press forward day by day. The good done in the past is done, we must do good now. If our past is ungodly and sinful, then we must confess and go forward. We dare not dwell on the sins of the past. If we continually bring forth the failures of the past our minds will be conditioned to continue in that direction. We want to live a Godly life throughout the new year. The decision to change our lives for the better does not need to be made on New Year's Day, it can be made any day of the year. Any day can become the first day of our renewed and rededicated life.

Instead of being drawn back into the past's failures, we should be allured by the possibilities of greater service as Christians. All of us, however ordinary our lives may be, have great potential for carrying out the commission given us. Although we may not think we have the ability needed, we know that He would not expect us to do anything impossible. He gives us the very help we are in need of so we can be successful serving Him.

THE BIBLE MONITOR

JANUARY 1, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

The greatest possibility awaiting each is that of being a Christian. As each looks back over his life he can readily see that he has sinned and come short of the glory of God. No matter what the sin there is a way of escape. Although the devil wants none of his servants to get away, the power of God is mightier. A great price has been paid so your sins could be forgiven. The choice is yours! Will you be a child of God redeemed by His Gift, Jesus Christ?

The possibilities of service are almost limitless. There are formal and informal avenues of service. Service may be rendered through the official capacities given by the Church. But Christian service does not end there. There are many areas of service which come to us in our day-by-day activities. It is never out of order to do good, to encourage the downcast or to lift up the burdened one. These possibilities are given to each, regardless of official position. We all can strive to live righteous lives. While our lives may not seem as exciting as those who serve more visibly, they may be just as productive. A righteous life provides a behind-the-scenes strength for the ones on the visible field of service. These lives serve as witnesses to the unconverted in the home community. The possible, eternal results of such a life are endless. Such a life not only has a bearing upon the eternal destiny of that soul but of many others also.

However close we have followed Jesus in the past or however afar off we have been, there are still possibilities for further work for Him. No matter how great and useful our past service has been, we dare not stop. We never can say that we have done all that we could. Jesus spoke of our best service qualifying us only as unprofitable servants. We dare not sit on our bands or be at ease in Zion.

If, on the other hand, your service has not been dedicated, you can still right yourself and find that place of service, where you have been lax or altogether wanting. You cannot undo the past but you can redeem the present. Do not allow past failures to keep you from succeeding now and in the future. It is sad that your past has been wasted but it would be tragic to continue to waste the present.

Another possibility is the opportunity to overcome disappointments caused by others. Someone may have failed you. This is sad but you must overcome that disappointment and your anger and go on to serve those who depend on you. This possibility could be great, especially if it leads to reconciliation.

There are a multitude of possibilities that lie before each of us in this new year. If we use these God-given possibilities, we will further our Spiritual lives and help others at the same time. How are you going to use the new year?

MEDITATIONS, PAST AND FUTURE

As we come to the close of another year of life on this earth and look forward toward the entering into a new year, it is well that we spend a few moments in sincere meditation.

At first, it is well to review the year that is past, which is recorded and we cannot change. During the year we have had many opportunities in various ways to worship and praise our Heavenly Father, to witness for Christ, to follow His teachings, and be of help to our fellowman in word or in deed. What is our grade? How have we used our talents in the light of the various conditions which we labor under? How well have we bridled our tongue? These things God knows and it is well that we take an inventory, in order that we may see where we are, and in what direction we are headed, so that we may rightly plan for the future.

Perhaps we have made mistakes. We may have failed to follow the New Testament commandments even as well as we knew how. We may have failed to control our tongue and have used it for gossip, things that were not true, and may even have offended someone. Praise the Lord that we still have life, time and opportunity to ask forgiveness and may also plead for strength and guidance that we may do better in the coming year.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not." I John 3:1. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." II Cor. 6:17, 7:1. How many blessings we have.

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Psa. 19:14. What protection we have. As we look into the New Year may we determine to know and follow more of Christ and His teachings. May we strive to use our talents for the future and not so much for present earthly things.

We have several important tools which should enable us to be more useful for Christ. Among these I note: The Word of God, religious liberty, comparative peace among men, ample food, clothing and the necessities of life, reasonable health and strength, and enlightened minds to direct our efforts.

The machinery has been arranged with its duties, aims, and

means of keeping in repair that we may unitedly build one another up in that most holy faith. Among the help we have I note: the Dunkard Brethren Church, its officials, the Sunday school, the various boards, the Bible Monitor and the ability to communicate with one another by speaking and writing. I feel that we often fail to realize the value of our blessings and our organization to strengthen and encourage us on the Heavenly way.

Another important item is the hindrance to one's happiness, that is manifest on every side, by those who follow Satan. They are continually in strife, wars, hatred, physical and mental affliction, greed, slander and everything but love, fellowship and peace one with the other.

Brother Howard J. Surbey
Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"GOD"

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy-work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." Ps. 19:1-2.

God, the Master Designer of the world, created even the most simple elements with extreme complexity. For example, the typical protein molecule, which is essential to life, is made up of 3,000 atoms, and the odds against one of them being formed accidentally are astronomical. The law of mathematical probability argues eloquently, today, for the existence of God as Creator.

When we view the beauties of the earth, we find ourselves instinctively thinking of the Almighty. Our inner being responds with great feeling when we read the Psalm quoted above. Yes, the intricate beauty and complexity of our world gives evidence of the Master Designer.

Human nature also gives us assurance of a personal God. Only by belief in Him can we explain man's intelligent and moral consciousness. Our mental capacities are not merely a thing of chance. We have been endowed by God with many of the attributes that He Himself has.

Young people, the emotional unrest of our times is a result of lives that lack meaning and purpose. Many deep thinkers are in a state of despair because they find it nearly impossible to face existence in a world which they consider to be a mere accident. It is only through belief and faith in the existence of God that we can have a life of meaning and significance.

Faith in Him and obedience to Him provides a satisfying world-and-life view, a logical explanation of origins, and a realistic view of life. If you are not satisfied with the answer to your existence, you have no hope for the future.

Even though nature, man's personality, and history show us a great deal about God, a satisfying knowledge of Him is impossible without the Bible. It gives us the sequence of the creation, the entrance of sin into the world, and God's program of redemption.

This omnipotent and loving God is the One who gave the world His only Begotten Son, Jesus, that we might realize through Him, our God, in our space-age world. It is a tragedy that most people in the modern world do not recognize Him for who He really is. They have never considered the total witness of the New Testament. Therefore they do not see Him as a Person of the Divine Trinity, who became a member of the human family in order He might be our Savior and King.

Young people, renew your basic spiritual commitments. Take a step of faith and believe in God. "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Ps. 34:8. He will deliver you from the sins that destroy you and the uncertainty that our humanistic society is trying to feed you. You will find TRUE HAPPINESS in obedience to the moral and spiritual principles set forth in the Bible.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

EDUCATION

Continued from December 15, 1981 Issue

3. Questions and Confusions

Many times parents want to send their children to the secular school with the hope that their good teaching at home will overcome the evil influence received at school. This is a sure case of double-mindedness. In essence we are saying, "At home I will teach them the way of God but at school I will teach them the ways of the world." Remember, in the eyes of God we are that teacher in the school. It is our God-given responsibility. Thus we are responsible even if we delegate the duty to another.

Another confusion today is the idea of reforming the secular school by raising its standards. To me this is the philosophy of the Social Gospel. This gospel seeks the approval of God by raising standards and morals. Man can not save himself. Whether a sinner is moral or immoral he is still a sinner. The Social Gospel can bring about reformation but God requires regeneration. It takes newness of life to save a soul because good and evil don't mix. You can't

make a secular school into a godly school. They are completely different. One is indifferent to or exempt of God while the other has God and His Word as its very foundation. If we could ever get the standards of the public school up to God's standards, do you think the world would accept it? The answer is plainly "No!" The world doesn't want what we want. They want the things of the flesh. We want the things of the Spirit. Here is where the separation comes between the Church and the world. Paul sums it up in these words. II Cor. 6:14. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?"

Then we have the argument that children shouldn't be sheltered from evil since they will have to face it sooner or later. Give them a little taste of sin and they will become immune to it. This is a false teaching. I challenge anyone to find one verse of Scripture that gives parents permission to feed a child sin. You'll never immunize a child to evil by exposure. Rather, the Bible commands to abstain from all appearance of evil. (I Thess. 5:22) This is God's law of sowing and reaping. Gal. 6:7-8. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

We are warned in the Scripture to "beware of the leaven." Leaven is compared to sin and should be abstained from. "Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" I Cor. 5:6. Our Holy God does not tolerate sin. We must be careful never to become tolerant of sin, especially in the diet of our children.

Our children will be sheltered in either school. In the secular school they will be sheltered from the Bible, love, Biblical discipline, respect for authority, Scripture memorization, and a Christian environment where Godly teachers direct their lives and point them toward God and His Will for their lives. In contrast, in a Christian school they will be sheltered from evolution, immorality, sex education, secular humanism, rebellion, drugs, alcohol and an environment that is indifferent to God. They will be sheltered in either school. The question is, "From what do you want your child sheltered?"

It would also be nice if our children could be "lights" in the public school. But really, how many souls have been saved in the past twenty years as a result of our children being in the state schools? In contrast is the sad story of the many children who have been scarred or completely lost in the public schools. To send a young child into the secular school as a witness is like placing a lamb in a pack of wolves to teach them meekness and gentleness. They will only be taken advantage of.

A mind properly molded and guided in purity and truth naturally repels sin. Sin is repulsive to a pure heart. A child that dwells in a sinful environment has a tendency to become calloused to sin. Thus, deception is made easy. It would be far better to instruct and guide them in the ways of the Lord. Then when they are strong and know the way of life to share the love of God with the unsaved.

Then there is the excuse that Christian education costs too much. Such a thought is a sad testimony for one who claims to be a child of God. Shame on anyone who thinks his child isn't "worth it." Children are "an heritage of the Lord" and a priceless one at that. One who thinks he can't afford a Christian education for his child doesn't know the value of a soul. It's about time we get our priorities set according to God's standards. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Matt. 6:19-21. There is ONLY ONE treasure we can take with us to Heaven and that is the souls of our children. Christian education doesn't COST — it PAYS eternal dividends.

In the light of God's Word there are only two kinds of schools: Christian schools and heathen schools. In Jer. 10:2 we are commanded to "learn not the way of the heathen." Thus, we must conclude that God does not actually give us a choice. We MUST give our children a Christ-centered education!

In conclusion may we consider the first Psalm. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Psalms 1:1-3. What a contrast to the secular school in verse 1, the counsel of the ungodly, the way of sinners, and the seat of the scornful! Yea, blessed is the child who is sheltered from these conditions and is schooled in the law of the Lord, day and night. He will be spiritually healthy and his life will yield the fruits of the Spirit. What a blessed picture!

Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14. May we bear the call of the Master, "Come ye children, hearken unto me. I will teach you the fear of the Lord."

Brother James Meyers

R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

the city and stoned him. When you sit down and meditate on this you can almost feel the stones hitting your body. Little stones, big stones, being hurtled into his face, arms; his whole body just being bombarded by stones. The pain must have been great. It also reminds us of the pain our Savior bore on the cross.

But Stephen had his mind on Heaven. He said, "Lord lay not this sin to their charge." Oh, how Satan, when they were stoning Stephen, thought he was winning against Stephen. But, Oh, how wrong Satan was. Stephen the whole time was winning the battle and the war.

Sometimes Satan does win a battle over us, in our lives, but dear Brother and Sister, we must fight the good fight of faith and win the war. There is a Gospel song that says, "We may lose a battle now and then, but I've already won the war." That, my dear friends, is only partly true. We have not yet won the war. We must continue on. It is very possible we can turn again back into Egypt and lose the war and miss our home in Heaven. The doctrine of eternal security is growing, and that is what that song consists of. II Tim. 3:14, "But continue thou in the things which thou has learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." Stephen gained a crown and so can we, if we fulfill our purpose in this life. Sometimes we have two choices to make in life. For example, maybe there is a party of some kind going on and you are invited, but also there is a Brother or Sister, who is sick or would greatly appreciate your visit, which will you choose? How long halt ye between two opinions? God help us to choose that which will be a blessing to someone else, and in return we will receive a blessing that we can't contain. James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in the affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Remember the verse we read in II Tim. 3, "Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." And when we choose pleasure over doing our duty we just lost a battle and missed a blessing. Sometimes it seems we'd rather miss a blessing and gain a dollar. Instead of being at Church service on an evening we work in the garden, or elsewhere, or we have some pleasure to take care of. Heb. 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." What is the matter with us so many times, are we blind, can't we see the day approaching, or what is the problem? The widows go unvisited, the prisons are not our responsibility, so we say. How about the fatherless? If only each one of us who profess to be Christians could grasp that verse. Yes, we assemble for parties and games, we will lift weights or jog to gain physical strength, and have what we

the city and stoned him. When you sit down and meditate on this you can almost feel the stones hitting your body. Little stones, big stones, being hurtled into his face, arms; his whole body just being bombarded by stones. The pain must have been great. It also reminds us of the pain our Savior bore on the cross.

But Stephen had his mind on Heaven. He said, "Lord lay not this sin to their charge." Oh, how Satan, when they were stoning Stephen, thought he was winning against Stephen. But, Oh, how wrong Satan was. Stephen the whole time was winning the battle and the war.

Sometimes Satan does win a battle over us, in our lives, but dear Brother and Sister, we must fight the good fight of faith and win the war. There is a Gospel song that says, "We may lose a battle now and then, but I've already won the war." That, my dear friends, is only partly true. We have not yet won the war. We must continue on. It is very possible we can turn again back into Egypt and lose the war and miss our home in Heaven. The doctrine of eternal security is growing, and that is what that song consists of. II Tim. 3:14, "But continue thou in the things which thou has learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." Stephen gained a crown and so can we, if we fulfill our purpose in this life. Sometimes we have two choices to make in life. For example, maybe there is a party of some kind going on and you are invited, but also there is a Brother or Sister, who is sick or would greatly appreciate your visit, which will you choose? How long halt ye between two opinions? God help us to choose that which will be a blessing to someone else, and in return we will receive a blessing that we can't contain. James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in the affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Remember the verse we read in II Tim. 3, "Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." And when we choose pleasure over doing our duty we just lost a battle and missed a blessing. Sometimes it seems we'd rather miss a blessing and gain a dollar. Instead of being at Church service on an evening we work in the garden, or elsewhere, or we have some pleasure to take care of. Heb. 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." What is the matter with us so many times, are we blind, can't we see the day approaching, or what is the problem? The widows go unvisited, the prisons are not our responsibility, so we say. How about the fatherless? If only each one of us who profess to be Christians could grasp that verse. Yes, we assemble for parties and games, we will lift weights or jog to gain physical strength, and have what we

HAVE A GLOOMY NEW YEAR

Would you wish anyone a gloomy new year? Probably not, but many people will have just that. You may contribute to their unhappiness if you're not careful. The attitudes you have toward those around you can subtract from their joy if you have an unloving spirit. If you stand on the sidelines, totally unconcerned when you should get involved, you add to their gloom, and maybe to their doom if it's spiritual help you're withholding.

No one in his right mind is likely to say, "Have a gloomy New Year", but that same person may laugh at another's misfortune. That person may take advantage of another in a business deal and cause grief. He or she may withhold encouragement and thereby intensify another's heartache, or withhold love and cause some person to feel no one cares. It doesn't do any good to wish someone a happy new year, then do things which bring anything but happiness.

What makes a year gloomy instead of happy? You may think sickness, other misfortunes or the death of someone you love would surely take away your happiness. None of these are pleasant, but the absence of joy has a deeper cause. If Jesus is not present in your life, the source of true joy and happiness is already missing. If He is not present in your life, you are not in a position to help anyone else find happiness. But when the Spirit of Christ is within you, not only will you have joy, but it will overflow to those around you.

Why do you wish people a Happy New Year? Is it just a meaningless greeting, or are you prepared to back it up with action? What makes one person happy may not be important to another, but certain basic things are important to all if they are to be truly happy. When you wish someone a Happy New Year, it should be a wish for God's will in their lives. It should be a wish for spiritual victories and blessings. If they are unsaved, this wish should include a prayer for their salvation.

We can't reach out in love to the whole world, but we can love our neighbors. We can't eliminate the poverty in India, but we can help those in our own communities. We can write or call those in distant areas to express our concern for their welfare. It is easy to reach in our pockets and donate a few dollars to charity, but that alone doesn't relieve us of our responsibilities. Sometimes we need to be generous with our time, to put ourselves out a little more, to attend to someone else's needs.

As we have contact with others, we leave an impression either for Jesus or against Him. We are often labeled as faithful or

unfaithful to Christ, because of things we've done or failed to do. What we say to others, whether it be a simple New Year's greeting or an expression of deeper concern, must be supported by action. To wish others a happy year when we are not compassionate, considerate and so forth in our contact with them is hypocrisy.

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psa. 37:4. This verse would make an excellent New Year's greeting. People often make many plans for their own happiness and that of their families, but when the Lord is left out, personal happiness is spoiled. Delight in the Lord, whether at the beginning of a year or at the end, opens the way for further happiness and must be put first.

In each of our lives, we have something to do which no one else can do. Sometimes spiritual guidance must be given, other times physical needs must be met, but whatever the need, the year will be gloomy for someone if we refuse to help. This affects our lives also, as we can't make others miserable and still be truly happy ourselves. For some general instruction, read I Cor. 13, the love chapter. Then practice the Golden Rule and do what you can to make the new year a better one for everyone.

Sister Eileen Broadwater

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

"THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST AND THE LAST FIRST"

Matt. 19:27-30; Mark 10:28-31; Luke 18:28-30

Jesus said many things that were not commonly understood nearly two thousand years ago, and they aren't yet. One of these sayings is: "The first shall be last and the last first." When we think about it we wonder, "How can this be?" I'm sure Jesus was talking about those who were rich and had a high position like the Pharisees. Men like them wanted to be first. They wanted more possessions than anyone — a high place — to be looked up to and praised for how good they were. Jesus never did condemn a person for being good but many want to be thought of as being good, when they really aren't. Most of the Pharisees were like that. They stood on the street corners and made long prayers to be seen of men and possibly at the same time were turning widows out of their homes because they couldn't make a payment on time. In those days they could even take a widow's children in payment for a debt and make servants or slaves of them. This was not pleasing to Jesus. When men like that want to be first, Jesus

said they would be last.

Jesus wants us to belong to His kingdom — the kingdom of Heaven. It is entirely different from the kingdoms of this world. The citizens of the kingdom of Heaven should be meek and humble and have love for others. Jesus said, "Whoso shall humble himself as a little child shall be greatest in the kingdom of heaven." The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Jesus is teaching us that His kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world. Those who only live for this life are only looking out for themselves. They want to be sure they have the best of foods to eat — the best of houses to live in — the best automobiles to drive. They want the best of everything!

There are some things that those who are selfish cannot have — righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. We must belong to the kingdom of Heaven — we must be controlled by God's Spirit, then we can be partakers of the best things in life. The fruit of the Spirit — those things that the Holy Spirit will produce in our lives are: love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. When we know a person who has these characteristics, it will be someone we like to associate with. This kind of person may not be first in having everything that this world has to offer but he will be first with God. One who has great riches in this world, but is not rich toward God, shall be last.

"The first shall be last and the last first." What kind of a person do you want to be?

Brother Rudy Cover

WHERE IS JESUS IN YOUR HEART?

"Isn't it great having God answering our prayers..." "Thank you Jesus for dying for me..." "Dear Lord, help us to spread the Word..." "Help us to witness to our friends..." "Help us to shine our light a little brighter..." "Teach us more of your Word..." "Guide us in what you want us to do." The above quotes are just a few spoken at a Bible Study on campus. When songs are sung everyone is singing with their hearts full of joy. You can see the joy in their faces. It just makes a Christian feel at home with all their friends and God.

Doesn't it sound good, people of a minority getting together and praising God's name. BUT that may be only one or two hours a week.

During one Bible Study that I attended, a woman prayed that we would all have Jesus with us and that we may not go any place to

embarrass Jesus. As soon as we were done praying, the girl in charge announced, "The movie this week is a great one, it starts in five minutes." Another one said, "Let's go down to the fair." Still another person said she might go to the drinking party. Where had all the praise for Jesus gone? Didn't anyone hear that prayer? Along with that, I thought, "If Jesus was in their hearts He would have been very embarrassed."

One young man thought it was okay to drink one or two beers — God made wine. But in Bible times that wine was unfermented wine. Also in the Bible it tells us to be "Christ like." How many times is it in the Bible that God was drunk of fermented wine? Did God ever attend a beer party? No, God was perfect. In Song of Solomon 5:10, 16 it says, "My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand. ...he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved and this is my friend."

"I just go to see Christian movies." Where can you draw the line between a Christian movie and a regular movie? To me a movie is a movie and they both are possessed with the devil.

Do we just go to Church on Sunday, praise Him just then and forget about Jesus the rest of the week? Or are we constantly remembering Him in our daily works and prayers? Do we make room for sinners to walk with us or just for ourselves? Do we put on a front when talking about God, and as soon as He is out of the picture, forget Him? Or is God always first in our lives? What is He to you?

Sister Mable Sweitzer
Box 931 Elizabethtown College
Elizabethtown, Penn. 17022

NOTHING WILL BE LEFT HERE

After the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, God decided we could not continue here. Let us always remember that here is no continuing place to live and the earth and all its contents are perishable. God flooded the earth with water in a day of great wickedness. He has said that the next time it will not be with water, but He will utterly destroy it and all its contents with fire.

Since we cannot always stay here, are we prepared for the Glorious Eternal Place beyond this veil of tears? Many are passing from life in this world daily. There will be a sad day coming for those who are preparing for life in this world only and take no time to prepare for the great Place beyond. Some people build what they call great mansions and have all their trust in the perishing things of this world. John the Revelator says, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth... that they may

rest from their labours and their works do follow them." We cannot die in the Lord without becoming alive in the Lord.

We must accept the saving Gospel to be part of God's Kingdom here on this perishing earth. We are warned many times in God's Word of the unexpected time to come when the earth and all its contents will be completely dissolved. When Christ was in this world He looked forward to the time when He would be in Heaven with the Father. He said we should do His commandments and He would be with us always even until the end of the world. His mission was always for the salvation of souls.

The Apostle Paul experienced great hardships in his work for the cause of Christ and the upbuilding of His kingdom here on earth. He looked forward to the great crown of life, laid up for him and all who love Christ's appearing. We have the record of many faithful servants of God. Nothing could hinder them from being faithful and true to the high calling of God through Christ Jesus.

When John the Revelator looked forward to the Great Beyond, his mind was centered above the perishing things of this world. He had a glimpse of the great Eternal City of God and gave us a description of it in the saving Gospel. Its fulness cannot be fully realized in these robes of flesh. We can think of many who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Here in this world we are separated from loved ones for a season. That brings heartaches and sorrow. Thanks be to God we have the privilege of meeting in a glorious place, where we will never part. The most important thing in this life is preparing for this glorious eternity, the place John had a glimpse of, while on the lonely Isle of Patmos. He also had a glimpse of the place prepared for those who would not prepare for the glorious eternity.

As we see the aged and the young departing from this life it should cause us all to realize the uncertainty of life in this world and that it is an important matter of being ready for the call to that glorious eternal place, the City, four square, where the walls are of jasper and the streets are paved with pure gold.

Brother J. F. Marks
Rt. 9 Box 860
Plant City, Florida 33566



Drop a word of cheer and kindness; just a flash, and it is gone;
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on.

OBITUARY

RAY SHANK

Bro. Ray S. Shank, age 86 years, 3 months and 28 days, of the Mt. Hope Dunkard Brethren Church Home, Manheim, Pennsylvania and formerly of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, died Sunday, November 22, 1981 at the Lancaster General Hospital. He was born in Monaghan Township, York County, July 24, 1895, the son of the late George B. and Elizabeth E. Myers Shank. At the age of fourteen he united with the Mt. Pleasant Church of God, later was united with the Church of the Brethren and in 1926 became a Charter Member of the Mechanicsburg Dunkard Brethren Church. He was married on March 25, 1916 in Carroll Township, York County, to the late Lena Cocklin, who preceded him in death April 30, 1964.

He attended Shippensburg State Normal School, and taught sixteen terms in schools of York and Cumberland Counties. He worked ten years for the American Stores Company and the Great Atlantic and Pacific Company and was an employee of the Federal Government at New Cumberland, Pennsylvania before his retirement in December 1962. He was elected to the ministry of the Dunkard Brethren Church on March 26, 1927 and ordained as an Elder in 1940.

He is survived by four sisters-in-law, Anna Britton, Mechanicsburg; Helen Cave, Hershey; Fannie Grove, Hershey and Martha Cocklin, Newville, Pennsylvania and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Wednesday, November 25, 1981 at the Mechanicsburg Dunkard Brethren Church, with Elder James Kegerreis and Elder David Ebling officiating. Burial was in the Mechanicsburg Cemetery.

NEWS ITEMS

LITITZ, PENNSYLVANIA

Our fall Lovefeast was held Saturday, October 17, with a good attendance. Ministers present were: Virgil Leatherman, David Ebling, Paul Hartz, David Kegerreis and Ronald Marks, with Bro. Leatherman officiating in the evening.

Our Revival started November 2 through 15 with Bro. David Kegerreis as the evangelist.

We were glad for the three that made their wants known and gave their hand to the Church.

May the Lord richly bless Bro. Kegerreis as he labors in the Master's service.

Sister Susanna B. Johns, Cor.

SHREWSBURY, PENNSYLVANIA

In August, we had the privilege of enjoying another Revival Meeting. We were happy Elder Edward Johnson could be with us to bring many spiritual and inspiring messages from God's Holy Word. We were happy for one who accepted the Lord as her Savior. We enjoyed having Sister Johnson with us also. May the Lord bless the Johnsons in their labors for Him.

Our congregation installed two Brethren into the ministry this summer. They are Bro. Ronald Marks and Bro. Merle Sweitzer. Remember them in your prayers in their new responsibilities.

Our fall Lovefeast was November 1, we had a beautiful day. The spiritual messages, the fellowship, and communion in the evening made the Lord's Day very special. We appreciated the visiting ministers who came to share gospel messages with us. They were: Howard Surbey, Allen Eberly, John Pepper, Virgil Leatherman, Paul Hartz and Frank Shaffer, who officiated in the evening.

Sister Fern Ness, Cor.

WEST FULTON, OHIO

The West Fulton Congregation was wonderfully blessed with a two week revival meeting October 4 through 18. Bro. Allen Eberly, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, was the evangelist, bringing us Spirit filled messages. As a result, one young man made his decision to walk with the Lord. Since then, another young soul has been taken into the fold.

Our Harvest Meeting was Sunday, October 18. Bro. Paul Stump, Union, Ohio, brought us the Harvest Meeting sermon, which was very timely.

We thank our neighboring congregation and others for worshipping with us during these meetings. The attendance was very good. May the Lord be with Bro. and Sis. Eberly in their efforts as they go forth to labor in the Lord's work.

Sister Elaine Beck, Cor.

THE MATTER SETTLED

A young man at the close of a meeting, was pressed to decide as to his soul's salvation, but he said: "I will not do it tonight." The Christian who was laboring with him said: "I insist that you either accept or reject God's offer of salvation tonight." "Well," said he, "if you put it that way, I will reject it; there, now, the matter is settled." On his way home on horseback, not knowing that a tree had fallen in the road, he struck against it and was killed.

DIRECTORY OF BOARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dale E. Jamison, Chairman
Quinter, Kansas 67752
Ray R. Reed, Secretary
Box 12, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063
Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Joseph E. Flora, Chairman
R. 3, Adel, Iowa 50003
Hayes Reed, Secretary
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355
William Carpenter, Treasurer
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256
Harley Rush
R. 1, Converse, Indiana 46919
Galen Litfin
1314 East 7th St.
Newberg, Oregon 97132
Dale Jamison
Quinter, Kansas 67752
Jacob C. Ness
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403
Frank Shaffer
13062 Grant Shook Rd.
Greencastle, PA 17225

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Howard J. Surbey, Chairman
749 W. King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
Jacob C. Ness, Secretary
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403
H. Edward Johnson, Treasurer
5-1307-S.H. 108
Wauseon, Ohio 43567
Dean St. John
1040 Hillsdale Road, R. 1
Camden, Michigan 49232
Warren C. Smith
McClave, Colorado 81057

BIBLE STUDY BOARD

William Carpenter, Chairman
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Eugene Kauffman, Secretary
R. 6, Box 51
Harrisburg, Virginia 22801
Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057
Rudolph Cover
2034 Roble Ave.
Modesto, CA 95351
Dennis St. John
Rt. 1
Bryan, Ohio 43506

RELIEF BOARD

Boyd Wyatt, Chairman
4925 Tegner Rd.
Hughson, CA 95326
209-883-4138
Newton Jamison, Secretary
512 Garfield
Quinter, Kansas 67752
913-754-3433
Kyle Reed, Treasurer
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
515-677-2467
Virgil Leatherman
419 N. Queen St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-5753
Robert Carpenter
R. 5, Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

TORREON NAVAJO MISSION

David Skiles, Superintendent
Box 188
Cuba, New Mexico 87013
Hayes Reed, Chairman
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355
Kyle Reed, Secretary
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
Newton Jamison, Treasurer
Quinter, Kansas 67752
Harley Flory
R. 4, Defiance, Ohio 43512

All contributions to the various Boards should be made out to the Treasurer, but sent to the Secretary for his records

Paul H. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

JANUARY 15, 1982

NO. 2

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

FOLLOWERS

Author Unknown

They followed Him by the thousands when He took some fish and bread
And a banquet in the desert by His miracle was spread.
They sang aloud "Hosanna!" and they shouted "Praise His name!"
When in an hour of glory to Jerusalem He came.
They followed when He told them of a kingdom and a throne,
But when He went to calvary, He went there all alone.
It seems that many people still would follow Him today
If He only went to places where everything was gay.
For the kingdom that they're seeking isn't one the world scorns,
And the crown of which they're singing isn't one that's made of thorns.
Oh, they'll follow for the fishes over land and over sea,
And they'll join the Church at Zion, but not at Calvary.
It's so easy, friends, to follow when the nets are full of fish,
When the loaves are spread before you and you're eating all you wish,
When no lands, nor lots, nor houses and no friendships are at stake,
When there's no mob to mock you and you have no cross to take.
But you'll need some faith to follow down through Gethsemane,
And you'll need some love to follow up to darkest Calvary!

Selected by Sister Sarah L. Musselman

TWO CHOICES

"And if the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" I Peter 4:18.

This question from Peter's pen should cause us to think about the eternal destiny we are choosing by our present lives. There is a destiny reserved for the righteous and another for the ungodly.

Eternity lies before each soul. What will eternity hold for us? Eternity remains unknown except for the glimpses and promises given in the Bible. We dare not depend upon fortune tellers or idle dreamers to tell us of that future. We can only depend upon the One who has placed that eternity before us. Just as there is a division among the people in this world, there will be a permanent division beyond this life.

God has prepared an eternal abode which is beyond earthly description and comprehension. The glimpses of Heaven given in His Word are majestic. Yet they are just glimpses. Paul's experience, spoken of in II Cor. 12, shows that the normal, human power of expression was inadequate to describe Heaven. The absence of all that evil, wicked or degrading will make it a place to be desired by Saints but even better than the absence of these is what will be present. Health, happiness, righteousness and God will be there, to be known by those who may have suffered loss, sorrow and opposition in this life.

Just as indescribable as Heaven is for its goodness, so Hell is for its awfulness. As good as Heaven is, Hell is terrible. To the extent that Heaven attracts, Hell repels. It would be a terrible agony to spend even a short time there let alone eternity. Some

THE BIBLE MONITOR

JANUARY 15, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

have presumed upon the goodness of God to speculate that He would never send anyone to such a place. It is not God's will that any should be there. He would prefer that Hell were kept empty. It is not God who sends men to Hell, it is men themselves. God has put the choice before them, they have chosen well or ill. He has done everything possible, even beyond reason, to make it possible that none would have to face that terrible eternity. Men continue to press forward to fill the unending, unquenchable fires of Hell.

The days of our earthly lives seem so fleeting. This life is so fragile. There is sickness, accident, disease, sorrow, pain and many other problems. Yet the few years allotted to men on this earth are very important. Within those years, men will make their choice of their eternal destiny. In these few years men will either live to please themselves or to please the One who created them. They will choose, often by inaction, to spend eternity away from the God they shunned in their earthly lifetime. If they had no place for Him in their lives then they will not need Him in Eternity.

From Peter, we realize that there is something in this life that will make the difference in how eternity is spent. While we are reluctant today to lay much stress upon good works, we must conclude that there are deeds done here that bear upon our eternal well being. The righteous and the ungodly shall appear differently before the judgment bar of God.

The righteous are those who have first accepted the gift of His Son as their redeemer. The righteous are those, who once they have made their peace with God, also order their lives so they match the definition of righteous living given by God. Today there is a tendency among Christians to deny the need of righteous living. There is almost a tendency to try to live as much in the world as possible and to be as undifferent from the world as can be done. There is the feeling that men's efforts are unimportant and unavailing.

Since these righteous are barely saved, what will be the end of those who have lived unrighteously, whether they have professed Christianity or not. The sinners and ungodly should surely quake if they realized that there would be a judgment that would begin within the Church, what will He find among the ungodly? If the righteous will barely be saved then surely the wicked and disinterested will be lost to a terrible Hell.

Have you made your calling and election sure? If not, now is the time to do so.

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

DISCERNMENT

There is an old saying that concludes, "You can't get a clean banana out of a dirty garbage can." It is true of our relationship with the world. But, it IS possible to be a pure, clean disciple while living in an impure world. How? By spiritual discernment! Having discernment means having the wisdom to know what is of the world and the ability to reject that part of life.

Jesus, our perfect example, was completely separated. This type of separation for us means not giving in to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, or the pride of life... and all this is our current surroundings. How do you get the strength to be an over-comer? From the same place that Jesus did, the Holy Spirit dwelling within you.

Along with understanding "Spirit-control", there is a second step in developing a discerning lifestyle. This is the ability to act on the strength and wisdom given you. As you learn to more and more let Christ control your life, something very amazing will happen. You gain power! With the Spirit's power, even the weakest follower can overcome the world system. As you walk in the power of Christ's Spirit, you can live the right kind of separated life. You can then say with the Apostle Paul, "... the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Gal. 6:14.

As you live in the "garbage can" world, I would encourage you to stay totally away from rock music, from sensual, secular, reading materials that are in vogue, from the contamination of cigarettes, drugs of any kind, and so forth. These all have physical/mental/spiritual consequences that will harm your life. Even "hanging around" with friends who participate in these things will harm your life. Whether you're being worldly or godly is a question, ultimately, of who you are letting control you... Satan or God.

Ideas presented by today's mass communications are part of Satan's subversion to take your minds away from thinking about the near coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Clothing designers are appealing totally to your sensual nature. Artists are appealing to the lust of the eyes. The danger signal is out. Be alert to the little, gradual temptations as you live IN the world. They are much like the experiment where the frog won't stay in a pan of hot water, but he'll stay in a pan of cool water that is gradually heated to the boiling point... and he boils to death.

Avoid any area where you have been especially weak and have often given in to temptation and ask God to strengthen you in

these areas of your life. Don't rush into the world's domain without a thorough grasp of how God, working in you, can resist temptation. "... greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." I John 4:4b.

Another thing, if your parents advise you against some unchristian activity and you do it anyway, you are being worldly and sinful... and Satan is manipulating your "pride of life."

You CAN be prepared for the risk, for the temptation. I challenge you to be a clean banana in a garbage-can world... by mastering God's plan of discernment.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

FACING THE SUNSET

A beautiful late-Fall day ends in a blaze of glory. The scattered clouds on the horizon reflect many shades of red and the fading glow indicates night will soon be here. But for a brief time, the light keeps the darkness away, and it is a beauty to behold. Another Fall day may end just the opposite — chilly, gloomy, with clouds hiding the sunset. Night descends suddenly, without even a star shining to penetrate the darkness.

So it is with life. The sunset will come for us all someday, when time is nearly over for us and Eternity will soon begin. For some, it will be a beautiful time and end in a blaze of glory. For others, the sunset of life will be a time of gloom and hopelessness, of facing death without any joy. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. Death is not the end of our existence, but it does terminate our time of preparation for Eternity.

How will you face the sunset of life — with hope and joy or with fear and gloom? How you face the sunset will largely be determined by how you have faced life. If you had the Lord with you in life, He will be with you in death. If you ignored Him in life, He will ignore you in death. The grace to accept death in peace can come only from God. Sometimes death comes so quickly that there's no time to think about it, but whether we are forewarned or not, we still have the assurance of the Lord's care if we belong to Him.

David wrote "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." He had a personal relationship with the Lord and felt assured of His care, even in death. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." David knew he didn't need to

fear, even when entering this valley, because he was not alone. Death should not fill us with terror either, for we who belong to Jesus do not enter that valley alone.

It is certain that death will come sometime, whether we welcome it or not, and any reluctance we have about leaving this earth will not prevent it. When there is a lingering illness, a person has some time to think about his life and decide whether he is ready for death, but an accident or other sudden death leaves no such option. Death should be prepared for in advance. Failure to do so may mean you will leave this life unprepared and enter a Christless Eternity.

People go to great lengths to make their wills just so, and that's fine, but what about God's will? Wills directing dispersal of our possessions pertain only to this life and the ones we leave behind. Drawing up our "last will and testament" will not prepare us for death anymore than a pre-arranged funeral service does. Jesus left us His will and testament and what we do with that, is what determines whether or not we are ready for death.

Job asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job 14:14. His answer, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job 19:25-26. Job faced the sunset of his life with hope, with assurance of one day being resurrected to be with His Maker. For a person who has no hope beyond this life, it must be a miserable outlook.

When we face the sunset and know death is just ahead, it is another time for us to trust Jesus, to willingly release what we have here and look forward to what's ahead. We should not place our affection on things here as though it were all we'd ever have. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2. What a blessed assurance to know Jesus is preparing a place for each of us, not just something ordinary, but a mansion.

Some of us don't have much in this life and the thoughts of a heavenly mansion may be overwhelming. One thing is certain: we are in for some surprises. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. 2:19. It is difficult for us to comprehend the blessings God gives us now, and it is far beyond our comprehension to grasp what will be in Eternity.

"But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city." Heb. 11:16. Jesus said, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto

myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. Heaven is for those who desire it and prepare for it. It is to be our eternal home. Whether we face the sunset — when this life ends in death — or meet the Lord in the air, now is the time to get ready.

How will you face the sunset — in fear or in hope? With Jesus, or alone? "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." Matt. 24:44.

Sister Eileen Broadwater

1981 GENERAL CONFERENCE SERMON NOTES

Continued from December 1, 1981 Issue

Monday Morning Worship

Moderator: Elder Dale Jamison.

Chorister: Elder James Kegerreis.

Speaker: Bro. Herman Jamison. The Light. John 1:2-9.

As I awakened this morning to the light I was made to think how great the light was that God created in the beginning to light the whole world. It still shines just like when He created it. He also created man. But man failed in the purpose he was created for. So God had to send another light, an even greater light than the first. A light that would penetrate the stony, cold hearts of men.

That light is great enough to lighten each and every heart even today. It was God's purpose that that light should shine forth from His Word and through His children. It is so easy to let our light shine here but what about after we leave this place and go about our everyday lives.

There is a story of a depot agent whose job it was to handle the freight and the mail and to give a proper signal to the engineer. He used a signal lantern so the engineer would know what was ahead. There had been a terrible wreck on the siding near this depot in which a life had been lost. A hearing was held concerning this. The agent was called to testify. He was questioned very severely about whether he had given the proper signal. At the end of the hearing the railroad superintendent praised the agent for holding to his story. The agent's reply was that he had been afraid that the judge would ask him if his lantern had been lit. Do we sometimes swing a lantern that is unlit. Jesus warned of this in Matt. 7:21-23.

When the sun comes forth, the darkness of night disappears. When we think of this Great Light coming into the hearts of men the darkness of sin disappears. Can people see that Great Light shining in us? Do we show forth that the way of the cross is the only way to escape eternal death.

Monday A.M.

Moderator: Bro. Kenneth Wolfe.

Chorister: Bro. Dale Blocher.

Opening: Bro. William Heisey. II Peter 1.

We hope each one of us has the same faith as the Apostle Peter. We have great promises from God. We are looking toward the fulfillment of those promises when Christ returns to receive us into the prepared Mansions. Lust leads us into sin. We are to stay away from the lusts of this world.

We need the right ingredients to make a cake turn out right. We need the right characteristics to make our Christian lives turn out right. We need these graces to be added one to another. If we use the right things we will not be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. If we have this we will bear fruit. If we do not use the right ingredients we will be blind and not able to see afar off and forgetful of the price paid for sin. We must make full use of our opportunity for God has paid a high price for our sins.

If we do these things that please the Lord we will never fall. Peter felt it good to remind the believers of these things and it is good for us as well. We don't eat a meal just once a week but three times a day to maintain our physical bodies. It is necessary to replenish the Spiritual body also. Peter realized his days were short so he was even more emphatic about it.

Peter spoke of being an eyewitness of the glory of Jesus. He didn't need fables to inspire them. The Word of God was not written by men's minds but by God's inspiration. We should be thankful that we can have the Word of Truth for our daily refreshment.

To be continued.

HOW MAY I ESCAPE?

Paul Evans

Generally speaking, today's world speaks of "hell-fire and brimstone preaching" as an era which the church has left behind with other 19th century myths.

What does the Bible have to say about hell?

"You might think about hell like this: as lust, burning, unquenchable lust, always indulging without the slightest restraint yet never, never satisfied. And think of heaven as fulfillment; delightful, profound, enduring, growing, indescribable satisfaction."

That's the way Richard Halverson, Chaplain of the United States

Senate, discussed hell. He said, "Think of hell as deception; relentless, undying, inexorable, unrelieved deception.

"Think of heaven as truth; persevering, eternal, liberating, transparent truth.

"Think of hell as Satan; selfish, subtle, arrogant, ruthless.

"Think of heaven as Christ; honest, selfless, humble, loving.

"You may choose which to seek; you may decide to believe in neither. But whichever you do you will not alter the reality."

That's one way to describe hell, as Dr. Halverson did, by comparison. People suffering excruciating physical pain or mental anguish will say, "It's hell." You've heard it said, "War is hell." That's only partly right. Pain is terminal, so are wars. In hell there is no such hope.

It is next to impossible to describe hell in terms we can understand. The Bible uses the ideas of total darkness, "outer darkness," and the pain of burning and separation from God. In Matthew 25:41, "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." And Matt. 22:13 speaks of "outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." These are things Jesus said. And Revelation 14:10 speaks of drinking the wine of the wrath of God and of torment with fire and brimstone.

Psalms 9:17 names the people who shall go to hell: "the wicked." And Mark 16:16 says the Gospel determines a person's destiny. It says, "he that believeth not shall be damned." That's "the damnation of hell" (Matt. 23:33.)

Frankly, I can't allow myself to think of anyone I have ever met in hell. It's too painful! Maybe I can think of the devil and demons in hell, but a person? ... I don't want to believe it! But that doesn't alter it. So if I love people, I have no choice but to tell of hell with Bible accuracy; without modern, secular dilution. So I do! I do! I do! There is a hell. There is a judgment and fiery indignation. But that need not be our fate. There is a sacrifice for sin. That's the truth of the Gospel. Christ died for our sins. God gave His son, Christ Jesus, to save us from sin and damnation.

The only begotten Son of God willingly gave Himself, He was without sin, but became our sin bearer. He died for the sins of the whole world. Our sins were judged in Him. He is the only Saviour from sin. Beyond Him there is nothing that avails for the eternal grief and loss and hell that we shall suffer in our sins. Don't go back to your sins and don't look for another "saviour" from sin. There is no human answer for sin, philosophically or psychologically. At best they can only assuage the guilt temporarily. Only in Christ Jesus is there a final and sure remedy for sin.

The question of what's beyond death often arises. Are there opportunities for salvation... opportunities to change the estate?

Aside from Biblical teachings there are three philosophical answers to that question.

Universalism teaches that everybody will be finally saved.

Restorationism teaches that punishment in hell is not eternal, but is a temporary experience for the purpose of purifying the sinner to fit him for heaven.

Second probationism holds that all will have a second chance, an opportunity to accept salvation between death and the resurrection.

None of these is supported by the Bible. Many wish they were.

The message is clear, says John 5:28, 29, the disobedient dead will be resurrected to judgment. The judgment is described in Revelation 20:11-15. What the Bible teaches about man's future estate is very clear: sin will be punished and righteousness will be rewarded.

The question arises concerning responsibility, or "What about those who have never heard?" Believe me, I want to give all the comfort I can when it comes to a man's eternal welfare. And the most comforting words I know are these... God is just and He will do no wrong. That there will be degrees of punishment is indicated in Christ's term, "more tolerable" (Luke 10:12).

The future of those who die in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ is remarkable and comforting to anticipate. It begins with death when we are "absent from the body and present with the Lord." The resurrection is next and is described in I Corinthians 15 and I Thessalonians 4. After the resurrection there are some family affairs (I'm talking about the family of God) that must be taken care of... very necessary matters described in II Corinthians 5:10 and I Corinthians 3:13-15. The believers' works will be judged.

Beyond that, the statement which best summarizes the future of the redeemed is, "evermore to be with the lord." And that is where I want to meet you... in the presence of the Lord.

Ten men were trapped while fighting a forest fire. A helicopter pilot tried to rescue them. It was impossible to do so, so he dropped them a note telling them to follow him. The men believed him and followed through a narrow path which was lined on both sides with fire — the only safe exit!

The men did not stop to argue about the note nor try to find their own way out. They believed the only way out was being shown by the one who could view the whole scene from above. They put their faith in him and were saved.

If you do not have Christ living in your heart, you too are lost. Why not put your faith in Him, the One who can see the whole situation from above and KNOWS that His way is the only way out.

From The Log published by The Crew
of the Good Ship Grace, Hollywood,
California. Used by permission.
Selected by Sister Edith Moss

THE WAY OF HOLINESS

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." Isaiah 35:8.

One time, years ago, when I was working with an Indian, he said to me, "Cy (a co-worker of ours) says his way is the way, the man down the street says his way is the way, and you say your way is the way! Now if I want to get on the train, which one do I take?" What would you have told him?

How many times have you traveled the wrong way toward what you thought was your right destination or been told the wrong way to go or even, perhaps by mistake, guided someone else down the wrong road? No one is exempt from this. It happens to us all, but today there is mass confusion concerning "the Way."

I truly believe that many so-called Church people, believers and those who assume denominational names and claim His name, do not know within themselves whether they truly are right or not!

We are taught today to believe the ministry and trust the officials of a church because, they say, "We are the Way." I have heard it said by those same individuals that their belief is the closest to being right! Oh, what language! No one believes another is more right than himself! Yet, we only need to observe the "fruit" we see on this so called "way", to cause us to question, "Is it the way of holiness that Isaiah was speaking about?"

Isaiah, by God's Spirit, said that "an highway shall be there, and a way... the way of holiness" ... with no unclean passing over it, no lion, no ravenous beast shall go up thereon" ... just the redeemed... only the redeemed!! This is too marvelous! This highway is here today... and the way which is on this highway, "the way of holiness." (Holiness here meaning only one thing... separation).

Jesus said, "I am the way." John 14:6. He is saying here, "I am the road, the journey, the custom... no other, just me... there is no

other way." You search this out. The "Way" in John 14:6 is road, the journey, the custom. The "way" in Isaiah 35:8 is trodden path... the same as it, regretfully, is in Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man (notice a man) but the end thereof are the ways of death."

So He is the Road, the Journey! This I love! This I appreciate! Too many, just as the Indian strongly hinted, say their "way", their "church", their "righteousness", but I ask you, do you recognize "The Way", the way of holiness? Or am I one of Isaiah's zoo, just near that way... a lion? a ravenous beast? or even the zookeeper... that... shall not pass over it? And the ransomed of the Lord shall return (from where?) and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads." "They shall (not might or may) they SHALL obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35:10. All because someone discerned the difference between "the way" and just being "closest to the way."

Don't be deceived! Hell waits for masses of people who trust their church, their preacher(s), their way, but the walking redeemed, verse 9, and the returning ransomed are one and the same as those who are on the road, upon the way and in the journey.

Ron Bowerman

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS CHANGED A WAR

In September, 1862 General Lee made a bold thrust north towards Washington, D.C., with less than half the men that the Northern armies had under McClellan. Lee was hoping that all the slave-holders throughout the Cumberland Valley would join him and strengthen his army.

However many of those living in the Valley were Dunkers and they had decided to take part with neither side in the war. As a result, at the battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862, near Sharpsburg, Maryland, when the South lost about as many men as the North, they were forced to retreat and they made no more serious attempts at Washington, D.C.

No doubt the lack of help from the farmers of the Cumberland Valley affected mostly the morale of the armies, but it had a profound effect on the outcome of the war.

Brother Howard J. Surbey
Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340

MARRIAGE

WAMPLER - AUNGST

Sis. Kim Wampler, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Leonard Wampler, Bethel, Pennsylvania and Bro. Jeff Aungst, son of Mr. Dory and Sis. May Aungst, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania were united in marriage December 5 by Bro. Jack Snyder after a sermon by Bro. Kenneth Wolfe.

The couple will make their home at RD #2, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17963.

NEWS ITEMS

GOSHEN, INDIANA

The Goshen Congregation was privileged once again to enjoy a series of meetings from October 23 to November 1. Bro. Kenneth Wolfe from Pine Grove, Pennsylvania was our Evangelist. Bro. Wolfe brought us soul inspiring messages from night to night.

We were made to rejoice when two young people gave their hearts to the Lord. May we all strive to live closer to our Saviour.

We enjoyed having Sis. Barbara and son Kenneth, with us during these meetings. May the Lord bless Bro. and Sis. Wolfe as they continue to labor in His service.

We want to thank all the visiting Brethren, Sisters and friends who came to worship with us during our meetings and Communion Service.

Sister Cheryl Pletcher, Cor.

BETHEL, PENNSYLVANIA

The Bethel Congregation enjoyed another lovefeast, October 25. Visiting ministers throughout the day were Jacob Ness, Laverne Keeney, Allen Eberly, Jack Snyder, Ronald Marks and Merle Sweitzer.

In the evening approximately one hundred forty members communed with Elder James Kegerreis officiating.

Sister Fern Kegerreis, Cor.

PLEASANT HOME, CALIFORNIA

Our Revival, November 6 through November 15, 1981, with Bro. Fred Pifer is now past, but the melody lingers on. A brief resume of what we heard follows:

November 6 - Revival from the Lord's point of view. Luke 15. The three parables: The lost sheep, The lost coin and The prodigal son.

November 7 - Acts 20:17-24. The bound spirit, verse 22. We must have the attitude of Paul. Romans 13:14. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

November 8 - Morning Service - Luke 11;1-13. Verse 11a, If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will ye give him a stone? Verse 13 - If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall the heavenly Father, give to them that ask Him? The responsibility of Christian parents to their children is to give them the Bread of Life.

Evening Service - God's love story: To Adam with Love. A wonderful story. Man sinned, but still God loves him. God sent His Son "To Adam with Love" and to you and to me, with Love, to redeem us. God's Thou-shalt-nots are because He loves us. He gave us commandments so that we may live and not die. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

November 9 - Love in the Home is a house united. Matt. 19:1-9. Verse 5-6, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

November 10 - Conversion of the Soul: Salvation is through faith in the Lord Jesus and obedience to His will. Then through Grace are ye saved. Matt. 18:3, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

November 11 - Heaven - The place, the feeling, and Jesus is there. Rev. 19, The New Jerusalem. Rev. 22:20, "He that testifieth these things saith, Surely, I come quickly. Even so Come, Lord Jesus."

November 12 - Hell - Matt. 25:31-46. Verse 45-46, "Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, (Hell) but the righteous into life eternal." We will be held accountable if we do not speak of hell. We need to warn people. Rev. 21:8, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers and whoremongers, and sorcerers and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Jesus is NOT going to be there.

November 13 - Death - Heb. 9:27, "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment."

November 14 - Saturday afternoon we met for a baptismal service. One young sister received the Lord Jesus as her Saviour. We were all made to rejoice. Saturday evening our self-

examination service was conducted by Bro. Rudy Cover and our Lovefeast with Bro. Fred Pifer officiating.

November 15 - Morning Service - The age of Apollyon (Satan). The electronic age, computers, laser beams and scanners in grocery stores. How this all is making possible Rev. 13:1-18 to be fulfilled. Verse 5 Political Power, verse 7 Military Power, verse 8 Religious Power, verse 16 Economic Power - The mark of the beast 666.

Evening Service - Launch out into the deep with the Lord. Luke 4:1-11. Verse 10b-11, "And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; for hence forth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought the ships to land, they forsook all and followed him."

Yes! Our revival is now history, but may it linger long in our minds and bear fruit. Thank you, Bro. Fred and may God continue to bless you and your family as you work for Him.

Sister Edyth Kline, Cor.



TWO PICTURES OF SAME BOY

An artist who desired to produce a picture representing purity and innocence, found in a sunny-faced little boy the very type of goodness and loveliness he wanted. So he painted the boy's picture and placed it in his study. Then he said, in substance, "Now, when I find a person whose face, because of sin and depravity, shall be the opposite of this sweetfaced child, I will produce it on canvas also, and hang it by the side of this, so producing the awful contrast between childhood's purity and manhood's depravity." Years after, as he was passing a prison, he saw looking out from behind the iron bars the most sin-scarred face he had ever seen. At last he had found what he desired, a result of the marring effects of sin as shown upon the human face. He gained permission to paint the man's picture, and then hung it by the side of the sweet-faced little boy. How great was the contrast, but mark the sequel: The two pictures, differing so widely, were really of one and the same person. The innocent-faced little boy and the sin-blackened prisoner were one and the same person. The lapse of years in a world of sin and temptation had changed the innocent child into a depraved man.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY, 1982

Memory Verse: Job 33:24

Then he is gracious unto him,
and saith, Deliver him from going
down to the pit: I have found a
ransom.

Mon. 1 - Job 5:1-27

Tues. 2 - Job 6:1-30

Wed. 3 - Job 10:1-22

Thur. 4 - Job 16:1-22

Fri. 5 - Job 22:1-30

Sat. 6 - Job 23:1-17

Memory Verse: Job 33:27 & 28

He looketh upon men, and if any
say, I have sinned, and perverted
that which is right, and it profited
me not; He will deliver his soul
from going into the pit, and his
life shall see the light.

Sun. 7 - Job 29:1-25

Mon. 8 - Job 33:1-33

Tues. 9 - Job 36:1-33

Wed. 10 - Psa. 6:1-10

Thur. 11 - Psa. 7:1-17

Fri. 12 - Psa. 17:1-15

Sat. 13 - Psa. 18:1-24

Memory Verse: Job 36:18

Because there is wrath, beware
lest he take thee away with his
stroke: then a great ransom can-
not deliver thee.

Sun. 14 - Psa. 18:25-50

Mon. 15 - Psa. 22:1-31

Tues. 16 - Psa. 25:1-22

Wed. 17 - Psa. 27:1-14

Thur. 18 - Psa. 31:1-24

Fri. 19 - Psa. 32:1-11

Sat. 20 - Psa. 33:1-22

Memory Verse: Psa. 22:4 & 5

Our fathers trusted in thee: they
trusted, and thou didst deliver
them. They cried unto thee, and
were delivered: they trusted in
thee, and were not comfounded.

Sun. 21 - Psa. 34:1-22

Mon. 22 - Psa. 37:1-20

Tues. 23 - Psa. 37:21-40

Wed. 24 - Psa. 39:1-13

Thur. 25 - Psa. 40:1-17

Fri. 26 - Psa. 41:1-13

Sat. 27 - Psa. 43:1-5

Memory Verse: Psa. 32:7

Thou art my hiding place; thou
shalt preserve me from trouble;
thou shalt compass me about
with songs of deliverance.

Sun. 28 - Psa. 50:1-23

Memory Verses: Psa. 33:16

There is no king saved by the
multitude of an host: a mighty
man is not delivered by much
strength.

Psa. 34:19

Many are the afflictions of the
righteous: but the Lord delivereth
him out of them all.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

FEBRUARY 1, 1982

NO. 3

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

THIS DAY

Charlotte L. Darwin

God forgive my angered voice
My wail when things go wrong,
For forgetting I am — Oh so weak
And only Thou art strong.

God forgive my restless heart
That so often strays from home,
And help me in Thee to find
A place to call my own.

God forgive my faltering steps
Amid hardships, pain and care,
Let me remember the heavy cross
That You were glad to bear

God forgive my hurried steps
In life's preparatory way,
And cause me, God, to often stop
And help someone each day.

- Selected by Brother Harold K. Musselman

REVERENCE

From the account of Abraham's meeting with Melchisidek (Heb. 7) we see that the greater bestowed favor on the lesser. In return the lesser owed a debt of gratitude and praise. Abraham was a man who had received many honors. But when he returned from his successful campaign against the kings, he met one greater than himself. Although he was a man used to receiving the gifts and praise of others, he, in turn, had to give to one greater than himself. This example of reverence on the part of the Father of the Faithful should encourage the faithful of today to show a proper reverence to the One who is greater than ourselves.

Reverence is the acknowledgement by man that he is not the greatest. The One who is greater deserves the awe, respect, obedience and worship of men. Reverence is more than the giving of material gifts, it is the giving of that which is hardest to give, one's unreserved obedience and respect. It is realizing that whatever talent we have is a gift from Above and must be used according to God's Will.

"Holy and reverend is his name." Psalms 111:9b. Just as one of His characteristics is holiness so is the name reverend. Men may attain a certain degree of good behavior and morals and attempt to live a holy life. But the human efforts, even at their best, fall short of the absolute holiness of God. The only holiness within men that will approach His holiness is that which He gives to men through the redemption process. As it is unseemly for men to boast of being holy so it is unseemly for men to take upon themselves the name of reverend. Like holiness it is reserved for the One who is truly deserving of men's reverence. We must honor and appreciate

THE BIBLE MONITOR

FEBRUARY 1, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

our fellow men but we dare not give them the reverence reserved for God. Jesus said that One, Himself, was the Master and all the others were brethren. "Brethren" implies an equal rank, therefore none could assume to be object of the others' reverence.

The only two connections between men and reverence ultimately points to God. The first is the reverence that the wife owes to her husband. Eph. 5:22-31. This whole passage concerning the marriage relationship shows an earthly picture of the relationship between Christ and the Church. As Christ willingly gave His life for His Bride, so the husband should willingly offer himself for his wife. As the Church reveres her Saviour and is obedient to Him, so the wife owes a submissive attitude to her husband. The willingness of husbands to sacrifice for their wife's benefit and the unsubmitiveness of wives to their husbands' position as head has caused the breakup of many marriages, homes and families.

The second place where reverence is owed to men is similar and related to the first. Children are to revere their parents. As the offspring of God we are to be obedient to Him, so children are to revere their fathers. (Heb. 12:5-11) The father, while very fallible and capable of many mistakes, symbolically represents God within the family. He is the one charged with teaching God's Word to the family. He also has the duty of discipline. Therefore the child should see in the earnest father a picture of God's mercy and severity. Again many of the failures within the home today can be blamed on the fathers who do not fulfill their God given responsibility and upon children who do not give proper respect to the parent.

Our reverence for God is shown not only by our deeds but also by our language. God should be spoken of in terms that show reverence. While He is our Friend, He should not be spoken of as a, "Good Buddy", "The Man in the Sky" or other popular slang designations. Not only should we be careful about how we speak about Him, we should be careful how we speak to Him. Prayer is an acknowledgement of our reverence for Him. Prayer is our praise of the One who is Above us yet who provides for us in mercy. Prayer also is petition which is directed to the One who is able through greater power to meet our needs. Since our prayers are our acknowledgement of Him we should use the terms that our language provides to express ourselves. We should not use terms of familiarity but words of reverence. The English language has set aside words like "Thee" and "Thou" and "Thine" to be used when approaching God. Perhaps, it is a result of the secularization of the schools that has caused these terms of deference to be pushing into the background. There is a danger that if we use familiar terms when speaking to God that we will eventually grow to hold Him in

contempt as we oft times do with familiar things.

Our duty as God's creatures and especially as His children is to reverence Him. If we reverence Him we will exhibit a faithful witness in this world. Reverence Him.

WHAT SHOULD BE THE CHRISTIAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS WAR?

According to General George C. Marshall's estimates of soldiers killed in World War II.

Soviet Union lost 7,500,000.

Germany lost 2,850,000.

Japan lost 1,500,000.

British Commonwealth lost 450,000.

United Kingdom lost 305,770.

Italy lost 300,000.

China lost 2,200,000.

France lost 200,000.

United States lost 295,904.

Add to these the civilians killed throughout the world.

Add to these those who suffered various wounds.

Add to this the food and raw materials consumed or destroyed.

Add to this the homes and property destroyed.

Add to these the anguish and hardships endured.

What part would Christ have in such a conflagration?

Brother Howard J. Surbey

Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340

NEWS ITEM

1982 GENERAL CONFERENCE

1982 General Conference will be held at the Ohio Missionary Conference Grounds, Ludlow Falls, Ohio on June 5 - 9.

Send your reservations to either of the following:

Paul Stump

Wayne Pike

Tom St. John

10340 Diamond Mill Box 149

Rt. #1, Box 51

Union, Ohio 45322 West Unity, O. 43570 Alvordton, Ohio 43501

Further information will be given later.

THE VEIL

There is only a veil between us and Heaven! A veil is the thinnest and frailest of all conceivable partitions. It is but a fine tissue, a delicate fabric of embroidery. It waves in the wind; the touch of a child may stir it and accident may rend it; the silent action of time will moulder it away. The veil that conceals Heaven is only our embodied existence; and though "fearfully and wonderfully made," it is only wrought out of our frail mortality. So slight is it that the puncture of a thorn, the touch of an insect's sting, the breath of an infected atmosphere, may make it shake and fall. In a bound, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, in the throb of a pulse, in the flash of a thought, we may start into disembodied spirits.



MADE HIS OWN CHAIN

A cruel ruler once ordered a subject to make an iron chain, one link each day. When it was finished, the poor wretch was bound with it, and thrown into a dungeon. Thus day by day do people, in obedience to the command of their Master, Satan, forge the links of a chain of evil deeds that shall end in their eternal imprisonment.

NOTICE CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Newlywed couples may receive a year's subscription free if a request is forwarded to the editor with their name and full address.

To those who anticipate moving — please report a change of address promptly to the editor to prevent the papers being miscarried.

It will also be appreciated if those who send in subscriptions will give the complete addresses and indicate whether they are new or renewal subscriptions.

It will be of help to the editor if subscriptions are always sent in the same name.

Is your subscription renewed?

— Editor

DIRECTORY OF INFORMATION

CONGREGATION	NAME AND ADDRESS	AREA CODE EXCHANGE NO.
Bethel, PA	David F. Ebling, R. 1, Box 300A, Bernville, PA 19506	215-488-7185
Broadwater Chapel, MD	Don Beeman, 1035 National Highway, La Vale, MD 21502	301-729-2233
Dallas Center, IA	Ray R. Reed, Box 12, Dallas Center, IA 50063	515-992-3031
Dayton, VA	Hilda Strayer, RR 8 Box 176, Harrisburg, VA 22801	703-434-7485
Englewood, OH	Paul Blocher, R. 1, 11703 Haber Road, Union, OH 45322	513-836-3506
Goshen, IN	Floyd Swihart, 1903 W. Clinton St., Goshen, IN 46526	219-Goshen KE3-3357
Grandview, MO	Carl E. Reed, 4716 E. 139th St., Grandview, MO 64030	816-761-5715
Lititz, PA	Allen B. Eberly, Rt. 3, Ephrata, PA 17522	717-Ephrata 354-9285
McClave, CO	Warren Smith, R. 1, McClave, CO 81057	303-829-4521
Mechanicsburg, PA	John Peffer, R10 Box 120, Carlisle, PA 17013	717-243-8326
Mountandale, MD	Joshua Rice, R. 3, Frederick, MD 21701	301-Frederick 898-9741
Mt. Jackson, VA	Roscoe Q. E. Reed, Star Route, Radford, VA 24141	703-Christianb'g EV2-2508
Newberg, OR	Galen B. Harlacher, 404 Columbia Dr. N.W., Newberg, OR 97132	503-Newberg 538-2033
Orion, OH	Paul R. Myers, Box 117, Greentown, OH 44630	216-N. Canton HY9-6080
Pleasant Home, CA	Hayes Reed, 1433 Overholzer Drive, Modesto, CA 95350	209-Modesto 523-2753
Pleasant Ridge, OH	Loyal H. Martin, Pioneer, OH 43554	419-Pioneer 737-2125
Plevna, IN	Harley Rush, R. 1, Converse, IN 46919	317-Converse 395-3751
Quinter, KS	Newton Jamison, 512 Garfield, Quinter, KS 67752	913-Quinter PL4-3433
Shrewsbury, PA	Howard E. Myers, R. 3, York, PA 17402	717-York 755-9812
South Fulton, IL	Mabel Harman, R. 1, Industry, IL 61440	309-Industry 254-3258
Swallow Falls, MD	J. Dwight Snyder, R. 2 Box 119, Oakland, MD 21550	301-334-2662
Walnut Grove, MD	Howard J. Surbey, 749 W. King St., Littlestown, PA 17340	717-359-4272
Waynesboro, PA	Frank Shaffer, R. 4, Greencastle, PA 17225	717-597-7282
West Fulton, OH	Charles Leatherman, 1-18158-H, Wauseon, OH 43567	419-Wauseon 337-6593
Winterhaven, CA	Milton Cook, Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, CA 92802	714-Anaheim 635-4575

EDITORIAL POLICY

That it be the policy of the Bible Monitor to exclude controversial material and material opposing, questioning or reflecting on decisions or positions of the Church as determined by the General Conference or derogatory thereto. Also all other material not of proper standard or spiritual value for a church paper.

That supervision over the matter to be published in the Bible Monitor be exercised by the Publication Board.

PRINTED MATERIAL

The following Dunkard Brethren publications are available to anyone, from the Boards listed:

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

The following tracts are free:

Why Triune Baptism
Plain Dressing
Which is the Right Church?
The Service of Feet Washing as a Religious Rite
What Shall I do with the Commandments of Jesus?
Daily Reminder
The Lord's Supper
The Doctrine of the Prayer Veil
The Brethren's Card
Do You Want Salvation?
Bible Teachings

PUBLICATION BOARD

Bible Monitor (semi-monthly)
\$2.00 per year in advance.
Brethren Hymnal (heavy back)
\$5.50 ea. \$62.50 doz.
Church Manual \$.30
The Bible Outline \$.45; \$5.10 doz.
The Old Testament History
\$.55; \$6.00 doz.
The New Testament History
\$.60; \$6.50 doz.
No charge for the following:
Polity Booklet
Instructions for Applicants
Baptismal Certificate Blanks
Church Letter Blanks
Credential Blanks
Minutes of General Conference in One Volume
\$4.25 ea. plus \$.35 postage each.

SUGGESTIONS TO CONTRIBUTORS

We are submitting several suggestions as a help to contributors in preparing material for the Bible Monitor. These suggestions will also make the work easier for both the editor and the printer.

1. Become familiar with the Editorial Policy and do not use subjects or statements which conflict with this plan of the Bible Monitor.

2. Place your name and address at the close of the article. We deem it more appropriate to sign as Brother or Sister.

3. Do not make sentences too long. A number of short sentences are better than a long involved sentence which is difficult to punctuate, and in which the real meaning of the writer's thought may be lost.

4. It will be appreciated if you gather a particular thought or thoughts and their proving Scripture quotations, into paragraphs and set these apart from the rest of the article, by setting in the first line of each paragraph about the space of three letters.

5. Do not crowd your words or punctuation marks close together. Do not use slang or abbreviated words as - "thot" for thought, "2" for two, "&" for and, etc.

6. Write or typewrite on one side of the paper only. Double spacing of lines is much preferred. Do not make the lines the full width of the sheet, leave at least one inch margin on each side of the sheet.

7. Use direct quotations for the Scripture references, please copy the wording and the punctuation just as it appears in the King James Version of the Bible. Given thus: book, chapter and verse, "Jesus wept." John 11:35.

8. Frequent mistakes we find: beleive for believe; recieve for receive; judgement for judgment; ore for or; & for and.

9. In submitting selected material, give the name of the author and the publication in which it appeared, if known, and add "selected by" and your name.

10. To be certain that an item is in a certain issue, your Editor should have this item at least 30 days prior to the date of the issue.

11. The Publication Board has decided that News Items should contain material of general interest to the Brotherhood. Therefore items of only local interest should not be included in News Items, such as Local Sunday School officers, District meeting delegates, minor local church property improvements and items "In Memoriam."

12. Read these and then write.

FIXED COMMUNION DATES

Third Sat. March - Quinter, Kansas
First Sat. April - Dallas Center, Iowa
Fourth Sat. April - Pleasant Home, Ca.
Last Sat. April - Grandview, Missouri
Last Sun. April - Bethel, Pa.
First Sun. May - Waynesboro, Pa.
Third Sat. May - Dayton, Virginia
Third Sat. May - West Fulton, Ohio
Sat. before Third Sun. May - Lititz, Pa.
Fourth Sun. May - Shrewsbury, Pa.
Sat. before First Sun. Aug. - Broadwater Chapel, Maryland
Sat. before Fourth Sun. Aug. - Shallow Falls, Maryland
Labor Day Weekend - South Fulton, Ill.

First Sun. Oct. - Walnut Grove, Md.
Second Sun. Oct. - Waynesboro, Pa.
Third Sat. Oct. - Dayton, Virginia
Sat. before Third Sun. Oct. - Lititz, Pa.
Fourth Sat. Oct. - Englewood, Ohio
Last Sun. Oct. - Bethel, Pa.
First Sat. Nov. - Newberg, Oregon
First Sun. Nov. - Shrewsbury, Pa.
Second Sat. Nov. - Pleasant Home, Ca.

MINISTERIAL LIST

BASHOR, W. E. (E)
875 Lorna Drive
Glen Ellen, California 95442
707-996-0842

BIRD, WALTER W. (E)
5851N-1350E-34
Converse, Indiana 46919
317-395-3655

BROADWATER, CARL (M)
R. 6
York, Pennsylvania 17404
717-792-1803

BYFIELD, PAUL (M)
R. 7 Box 29-B
Modesto, California 95351
209-523-8412

CARPENTER, ROBERT W. (M)
R. 5 Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

CARPENTER, WILLIAM (E)
8012 Cavender St.
Morenci, Michigan 49256
517-458-6535

CHUPP, ALVIN (M)
R. 2 Box 166
Dallas Center, Iowa 50063
515-992-3965

COOK, MILTON (M)
Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne
Anaheim, California 92802
714-635-4575

COVER, RUDOLPH (M)
2034 Roble Ave.
Modesto, California 95354
209-521-5074

EBERLY, ALLEN B. (E)
R. 3
Ephrata, Pennsylvania 17522
717-354-9285

EBLING, DAVID (E)

R. 1 Box 300A
Bernville, Pennsylvania 19506
215-488-7185

FLORA, JOSEPH E. (E)

R. 3 Box 12
Adel, Iowa 50003
515-993-4382

FLORY, HARLEY (E)

R. 4
Defiance, Ohio 43512
419-497-3953

GUNDERMAN, H. M. (E)

22605 C.R. 118
Goshen, Indiana 46526

HARLACHER, GALEN (E)

404 Columbia Dr., N.W.
Newberg, Oregon 97132
503-538-2033

HARRIS, OTTO (E)

Box 131, Antioch Route
New Creek, W. Virginia 26743

HARTZ, PAUL A., Jr. (M)

157 North Lincoln St.
Palmyra, Pennsylvania 17078

HEISEY, WILLIAM (M)

9956 U.S. Rt. 36
Bradford, Ohio 45308

JAMISON, DALE E. (E)

Quinter, Kansas 67752

JAMISON, GORDON (M)

Quinter, Kansas 67752

JAMISON, HERMAN (M)

Quinter, Kansas 67752

JOHNSON, H. EDWARD (E)

5-1307-S.H. 108
Wauseon, Ohio 43567
419-335-9133

KAUFFMAN, EUGENE (E)

R. 6 Box 51
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801
703-434-7824

KEGERREIS, DAVID (M)

R. 1
Bethel, Pennsylvania 19507

KEGERREIS, JAMES (E)

R. 1 Box 92
Richland, Pennsylvania 17087
717-933-4665

KEENEY, LAVERNE (E)

R. 1 Box 233A
Lititz, Pennsylvania 17543
717-738-1566

LEATHERMAN, CHARLES (E)

1-18158-H
Wauseon, Ohio 43567
419-337-6593

LEATHERMAN, VIRGIL (M)

419 N. Queen Street
Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340
717-359-5753

LITFIN, GALEN (E)

1314 E. 7th Street
Newberg, Oregon 97132
503-538-2668

MALLOW, ELDON (M)

13102 Grant Shook Road
Greencastle, Pennsylvania 17225
717-597-9615

MARKS, RONALD L. (M)

R. 2 Box 219
Stewartstown, Pennsylvania 17363

MYERS, HOWARD E. (E)

R. 3
York, Pennsylvania 17402
717-755-9812

MYERS, PAUL R. (E)

Box 117
Greentown, Ohio 44630
216-499-6080

NESS, JACOB C. (E)

136 Homeland Road
York, Pennsylvania 17403
717-741-1607

PEASE, WALTER C. (M)

R. 1 Box 173
Quinter, Kansas 67752

PEFFER, JOHN (M)

R. 10 Box 120
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013
717-243-8328

PIFER, FRED (M)

R. 3 Box 184
Adel, Iowa 50003
515-993-3187

REED, D. PAUL (E)

R. 3 Box 1
Riner, Virginia 24149

REED, HAYES (E)

1433 Overholtzer Drive
Modesto, California 95355
209-523-2753

REED, RAY R. (E)

Box 12
Dallas Center, Iowa 50063
515-992-3031

REED, W. S. (E)

R.2 Box 135
Dallas Center, Iowa 50063
515-992-3583

REPLOGLE, GEORGE E. (E)

9966 Pittsburg-Laura Road
Arcanum, Ohio 45304
513-947-1074

RICE, JOSHUA (E)

10213 Bethel Road
Frederick, Maryland 21701
301-898-9741

ROOT, WM. (E)

1612 Morphy Street
Great Bend, Kansas 67530
316-SW3-5284

RUSH, HARLEY (E)

R. 1
Converse, Indiana 46919
317-395-3751

SCHULTZ, CLYDE E. (E)

1428 Cooper
Turlock, California 95380

SHAFFER, FRANK D. (E)

13062 Grant Shook Road
Greencastle, Pennsylvania 17225
717-597-7282

SHANK, RAY S. (E)

c/o Krale's Senior Citizen Home
213 West Main St.
Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055
717-359-3868

SHELLY, EMMERT O., Jr. (M)

California Road
R. 2 Box 512
Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340
717-359-4975

SHUMAKE, L.A. (E)

R. 5 Box 223
Louisa, Virginia 23093
703-967-1993

SKILES, DANIEL C. (M)

6560 Sonoma Mt. Road
Santa Rosa, California 95431
707-544-1472

SKILES, DAVID L. (E)

R. 2 Box 8
Cuba, New Mexico 87013

SKILES, ORA (E)

3623 Toomes Rd.
Modesto, California 95351
209-545-0551

SMITH, BERTON E. (M)

R. 2
Topeka, Indiana 46571

SMITH, WARREN C. (E)

McClave, Colorado 81057
303-829-4521

SNYDER, JACK L. (M)

R.D. 1
Stevens, Pennsylvania 17578
215-267-3174

ST. JOHN, DEAN (E)

1040 Hillsdale Road
R. 1
Camden, Michigan 49232
517-254-4338

ST. JOHN, DENNIS (M)

R. 1
Bryan, Ohio 43506
419-428-2305

STUMP, PAUL (M)

10340 N. Diamond Mill Road
Union, Ohio 45322
513-836-6559

SURBEY, HOWARD J. (E)

749 W. King St.
Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340
717-359-4272

SWEITZER, MERLE (M)
R. 3 Box 81
Red Lion, Pennsylvania 17356

SWIHART, MERLE (M)
R. 2 Box 137
Topeka, Indiana 46571

SWIHART, ROY J. (E)
17421 C.R. 14
Goshen, Indiana 46526
219-825-2277

UPLINGER, WILBUR L. (M)
R. 1 Box 11
Mt. Crawford, Virginia 22841

WALKER, HENRY (M)
12413 Delaware Road
Hickman, California 95323

WERTZ, EMERY (E)
33720 Road 26
McClave, Colorado 81057
303-829-4511

WERTZ, LEONARD D. (M)
R. 2 Box 8
Cuba, New Mexico 87013

WOLFE, KENNETH (M)
R. 2 Box 112
Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17963

DUNKARD BRETHREN DEACONS

Armstrong, Ellis
Beam, Willard
Beeman, Oscar
Bittinger, Lester
Blocher, Stephen
Brooks, Marion
Burkholder, Norman
Burtner, Clair
Carpenter, John
Castle, Keith
Cease, John
Diehl, Forest
Eberly, Marvin
Flory, Claude I.
Flory, Marvin
Gehr, Clarence
Gibbel, Jacob
Gibbel, Levi
Gilpin, Joseph
Gunderman, Reinhold
Heisey, Jan
Jamison, Marlan

Jamison, Newton
Jamison, Tom
Kasza, Eugene
Kegerreis, Harold
Kline, Floyd
Kreiner, Lowell
Leatherman, Thomas
Litfin, Doyle
Longnecker, George H.
Longnecker, George T.
Lorenz, Carl
Lorenz, Pete
Marks, Charles
Marks, Paul
Meyers, Martin
Meyers, Roy
Miller, Levi H.
Meyers, James
Musselman, Harold
Moss, Jerry
Myers, Nelson E.
Myers, Paul B.
Newman, Dale
Pike, Lowell
Pike, Wayne
Pletcher, Albert
Reed, Carl E.
Reed, Harold W.
Reed, Kyle
Reed, Leonard
Reed, Nelson R.
Reed, Oty
Rice, S. P.
Roedel, Daniel
Royer, Nathan
Ruff, Harvey
Rupp, Denver
Ruschaupt, John
Sampson, George
Sines, Virgil
Sowers, Charles
Stauffer, Edwin
Stump, Delma
St. John, Clifford
Swihart, Roger
Switzer, Charles
Throne, George
Throne, Harvey
Welch, Chester
Wertz, Ivon
Wertz, Richard J.
Wisler, John
Wolfe, Verling
Wyatt, Boyd

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Paul E. Heisey
R. 2, Box 55
West Unity, Ohio 43570
419-924-5192

Rudy A. Shaffer
R. 1, Box 193
Manheim, Pennsylvania 17545
717-665-7061

GOSSIP, BOTH VERBAL AND BY MAIL

A. Elders, other officials and all others are admonished that being busybodies in other men's matters, is contrary to the Scripture and it should not be indulged in, as it causes complaint and interference with the spiritual life and work of those concerned. This applies especially where there may be trouble in the church, both to local members and those elsewhere, talking and writing about such matters.

B. When advice is sought of an official in any church matter he (the official) should be exceedingly careful in giving advice, so as not to interfere in any way with proper care of difficulties, by officials whose business they are. Elders and all others should, in seeking advice, begin at home when at all possible and be careful to proceed regularly and in brotherly love.

C. In correspondence, care should be exercised not to make statements that may be construed as derogatory to any member. If such things are done, full responsibility must be understood as being assumed by the writer.

D. Caucusing, that is, the taking over and planning by groups, what to do or how to move in any particular matter is unprofitable, causative of distress and trouble and should not be indulged in by officials or anyone else.

E. Talking or circulating of what was done in council, either to members who were not present or to outsiders, is irregular and unChristian and should not be indulged in.

CIVILIAN SERVICE BOARD

Ray R. Reed, Chairman
Box 12
Dallas Center, Iowa 50063
515-992-3031

Howard J. Surbey, Exec. Sec.
749 West King St.
Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340
717-359-4272

Charles Leatherman
1-18158-H
Wauseon, Ohio 43567
419-337-6593

Hayes Reed
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, California 95355
209-523-2753

Allen B. Eberly
R. 3
Ephrata, Pennsylvania 17522
717-354-9285

RELIEF BOARD

Boyd Wyatt, Chairman
4925 Tegner Road
Hughson, California 95326
209-883-4138

Newton Jamison, Secretary
512 Garfield
Quinter, Kansas 67752
913-754-3433

Kyle Reed, Treasurer
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
515-677-2467

Virgil Leatherman
419 North Queen St.
Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340
717-359-5753

Robert Carpenter
R. 5, Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

James Kegerreis

R. 1 Box 92

Richland, Pennsylvania 17087

William Carpenter

8012 Cavender Street

Morenci, Michigan 49256

Joseph E. Flora

R. 3

Adel, Iowa 50003

Galen Litfin

1314 E. 7th Street

Newberg, Oregon 97132

David L. Skiles

R. 2 Box 8

Cuba, New Mexico 87013

LOCATION OF CHURCH HOUSES

BETHEL, PENNSYLVANIA

Frystown House, located in Frystown, in northwestern Berks Co., one mile south of Route 78 and one mile west of Route 501.

Milbach House, located halfway between Kleinfeltersville and Newmans-town, in Lebanon Co. or halfway between Schaffertown and Womeisdorf, Pennsylvania.

BROADWATER CHAPEL, MD.

From Cumberland, Maryland, travel west on National Freeway #48, 20 miles to Lower New Germany Road Exit. Turn left or south under freeway three-tenths mile, turn right on Lower New Germany Road 3.8 miles, left on Westernport Road 3.8 miles, right on Savage Road 3.9 miles to church on left.

From Morgantown, W. Va. area, travel east on National Freeway #48 to Lower New Germany Road Exit. Turn right three-tenths mile, turn right on Lower New Germany Road and follow above directions.

Traveling east or west on U.S. Route #50 take U.S. Rt. #220 north, take Maryland Rt. #135 at McCoolle (just north of Keyser, W. Va.) seven miles to Bloomington, Maryland. Turn right on Savage River Road, 12½ miles to church on right.

CLEARVILLE, PA.

Wards Church, located 14 miles southwest of Everett, Pa., all improved roads. From Everett take Rt. 26 to Clearville, Pa. At Clearville straight ahead South, leaving Rt. 26, which turns right, one and one-half miles, then turn right at fork. Ward's Church is five miles on the left.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA

Dallas Center is located on Rt. 44, twenty-four miles northwest of Des Moines. Turn south off of Rt. 44 on to Percival Ave. (first street west of R.R. tracks); the church is located 3 blocks south on the southeast corner of Percival and Ash Streets.

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

Turn west from Interstate 81 at Harrisonburg Exit #63. Go to second stop light, Rt. 42, turn left to Dayton, (3 miles) right on Rt. 257, two blocks.

ENGLEWOOD, OHIO

Twelve miles north of Dayton, Rt. 440 and Rt. 48 cross at the center of Englewood. Church house is located on the right of Rt. 48, one block north of this junction.

GOSHEN, INDIANA

Located on Green Road, one block north of County No. 130. Take U.S. 33 or Indiana #15 to Goshen, turn west at Police booth. Four blocks beyond bridge, turn right on North Indiana Ave., one block turn left on W. Clinton St. One mile to Green Rd., right one block and church is located on east side of road.

GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI

The Grandview Church is located south of Grandview. Take the west access road of 71 Highway 1½ miles south to 139th St., turn west, go to the second street and turn south one block.

LITITZ, PENNSYLVANIA

Coming from the South on Route 501, turn right at the fourth stoplight in Lititz, when coming from the North turn left at the first stoplight, which is East Lincoln St. Go to first crossroad, turn right, go to second crossroad, turn right to brick church on the right.

MECHANICSBURG, PA.

CUMBERLAND CO.

Located between Routes 15 and 11. The town is bisected by Rt. 114 into

East and West, and by Rt. 641 into North and South. The church is located on West Keller St., or corner of Keller and Washington St., four blocks west of Market St. or Route 114. Leaving the Pennsylvania Turnpike at the Carlisle interchange, Rt. 11 will lead east to Rt. 114. Leaving the Turnpike at Gettysburg interchange, Rt. 16 will lead west to Rt. 114.

MCClave, COLORADO

The Cloverleaf church is located one mile north of U.S. Highway #50, four miles west of McClave junction, or two miles east of Hasty, Colo., on U.S. #50 and then north one mile.

MOUNTAINDALE, MD.

Seven miles north of Frederick, in the little town of Mountaindale, Md., from east go through town to west on road from Lewistown to Yellow Springs, two miles from Lewistown and three miles from Yellow Springs. If traveling U.S. 15, this road crosses #15, half mile west of Lewistown and six miles south of Thurmont.

PLEASANT HOME, CA.

The Pleasant Home Church is located at 3960 Sharon Ave., Modesto, California. The Church's telephone number is 209-524-8634.

Directions: From the South on Highway 99 take the Briggsmore Exit to the right and stay on Briggsmore Avenue to Claus Road (approximately six miles), turn left on Claus, one fourth mile to Sharon Avenue, left on Sharon Avenue. Church is on the left. Coming from the North on Highway 99 take the Briggsmore Exit, turn left and stay on Briggsmore and follow above directions.

PLEASANT RIDGE, OHIO

Located in Williams County, four miles west of West Unity, forty rods north of Rt. 20 alternate. Two miles east of junction of Ohio Route 15 and U.S. Route 20 alternate.

PLEVNA, INDIANA

Route 18 passes east and west through Converse. In Converse, turn south at stoplight and go three miles. Turn right on blacktop road and go five miles west to Plevna. Or go west of Converse on Rt. 18 for five miles, turn left and go three miles south. The Church is on west side of street near the square of Plevna.

NEWBERG, OREGON

Highway 99W enters Newberg in east-west direction. Those entering from the east on First St., go to third stoplight, turn right on North Main. Go four blocks to the church at corner of N. Main and Franklin Sts. Entering from the west, turn left at first stop light onto N. Main and go four blocks to the corner of Main and Franklin Sts.

ORION, OHIO

Located in northeastern Ohio, on Orion Road, one fourth mile west of State Rt. 8 at a point six miles north of Canton or one and one-half miles north of North Canton and 17 miles south of Akron.

QUINTER, KANSAS

Located at the corner of Eighth Street and Main Street.

S. FULTON, ILLINOIS

Astoria, Ill., is located on Rt. 24, coming from east or west, turn south at the bank corner marked by the big clock. Two miles south and on the right at top of hill.

WAYNESBORO, PA.

Church is located in west side of town, on corner of Ridge and Third Streets. Turn south of Route 16 on Fairview Ave., go two blocks and turn left on Third Street, church house is one block.

SHREWSBURY, PA.

Fourteen miles south of York on Rt. 111, at the north end of the town of Shrewsbury.

SHALLOW FALLS, MD.

Traveling U.S. Rt. 50, turn north at Red house, half way between Clarksburg and Winchester, follow Rt. 219 to Oakland, there turn left on county road 20. The church is on Rt. 20, about nine miles north of Oakland. Traveling U.S. Rt. 40, turn south onto Rt. 219, at Keyser Ridge, follow Rt. 219 about four miles past Deep Great Lake, turn right on county road 20 at a store. The church is one and one-half miles Swallow Falls Park.

WALNUT GROVE, MD.

About midway between Frederick, Md. and Hanover, Pa. One-fourth mile east of Rt. 194, at an intersection three miles north of Taneytown, Md.

W. FULTON, OHIO

Near Wauseon, Ohio, located on U.S. Rt. 20 alternate, three and one-

half miles west of junction of Ohio
Rt. 108 and U.S. Rt. 20 alternate.

WINTERHAVEN, CA.

Located in Cherry Valley. Go north

of Beaumont on Beaumont Ave., go
right on Brookside (marked with a
Highland Springs sign) to Jonathan,
left to Lincoln and right to the church.

MISSIONS

CLEARVILLE, PA. - In South Central
Pennsylvania, about half-way between
Everett on Rt. 30 and Piney Grove on
Rt. 40. About six miles south of
Clearville, Pa., along hard road a little
east of Rt. 26. Services second, fourth
and fifth Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

TORREON NAVAJO MISSION

Located southwest of Cuba, New
Mexico, 23 miles. Turn on State High-
way 197 in Cuba. Follow Rt. 197 for
19 miles when you will take a
paved road to the left. A mission sign

marks this junction. Proceed 3 miles
to the mission. Present personnel
includes David and Mildred Skiles and
family; Leonard and Ronda Wertz and
family; Wayne and Vicki Burgess and
family; Sarah Wilson; Mary Alice
Skiles; Ruthie Flory; Paul Skiles and
Dennis Meyers. Visitors would be wise
to notify the Mission in advance.
Address: R. 2 Box 8, Cuba, New
Mexico 87013; Telephone - 505-842-
5555, unit 3134. Please contact for
further information.

UNFAITHFUL MINISTER REBUKED

A dying nobleman once sent for the clergyman on whose ministry
he had attended, and said to him, "Do you not know that my life has
been licentious? Yet you never warned me of my danger!" "Yes, my
lord," was the answer, "your manner of living was not unknown to
me; but your kindness, and my fear of offending you, deterred me
from reproving you." "How cruel! How wicked!" said the dying man.
"You have neglected to warn and instruct me; now my soul will be
lost."



HEEDLESS RULER

A conspiracy was formed against the life of a ruler. A friend,
hearing of it, sent a packet containing the remark: "Read it
immediately for it contains serious matter." The doomed man was
then at a feast and smilingly replied: "Serious affairs tomorrow,"
and putting the packet aside, continued his merriment. That night
he was murdered.

DIRECTORY OF BOARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dale E. Jamison, Chairman
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Ray R. Reed, Secretary
Box 12, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Joseph E. Flora, Chairman
R. 3 Box 12, Adel, Iowa 50003

Hayes Reed, Secretary
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

William Carpenter, Treasurer
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Harley Rush
R. 1, Converse, Indiana 46919

Galen Litfin
1314 East 7th St.
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Dale Jamison
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Jacob C. Ness
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

Frank Shaffer
13062 Grant Shook Rd.
Greencastle, PA 17225

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Howard J. Surbey, Chairman
749 W. King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340

Jacob C. Ness, Secretary
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

H. Edward Johnson, Treasurer
5-1307-S.H. 108
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Dean St. John
1040 Hillsdale Road, R. 1
Camden, Michigan 49232

Warren C. Smith
McClave, Colorado 81057

BIBLE STUDY BOARD

William Carpenter, Chairman
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Eugene Kauffman, Secretary
R. 6, Box 51
Harrisburg, Virginia 22801

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

Rudolph Cover
2034 Roble Ave.
Modesto, CA 95351

Dennis St. John
Rt. 1
Bryan, Ohio 43506

RELIEF BOARD

Boyd Wyatt, Chairman
4925 Tegner Rd.
Hughson, CA 95326
209-883-4138

Newton Jamison, Secretary
512 Garfield
Quinter, Kansas 67752
913-754-3433

Kyle Reed, Treasurer
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
515-677-2467

Virgil Leatherman
419 N. Queen St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-5753

Robert Carpenter
R. 5, Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

TORREON NAVAJO MISSION

David Skiles, Superintendent
R. 2 Box 8
Cuba, New Mexico 87013

Hayes Reed, Chairman
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

Kyle Reed, Secretary
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167

Newton Jamison, Treasurer
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Harley Flory
R. 4, Defiance, Ohio 43512

All contributions to the various Boards should be made out to the Treasury, but sent to the Secretary for his records

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

FEBRUARY 15, 1982

NO. 4

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

PERFECT TRUST

Oh, for the peace of a perfect trust,
My loving God, in thee;
Unwavering faith, that never doubts
Thou choosest best for me!

Best, though my plans be all upset;
Best, though the way be rough;
Best, though my earthly store be scant;
In Thee I have enough.

Best, though my health and strength be gone;
Though weary days be mine,
Shut out from much that others have;
Not my will, Lord, but Thine!

Oh, for the peace of a perfect trust
That looks away from all;
That sees Thy hand in everything,
In great events or small.

Selected by Sister Sarah L. Musselman

A WISE AND UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE

We all desire to be known as wise men, whether in our temporal occupations or in our Christian lives. We do not want to be thought fools or idiots. Often we embrace the wisdom of the secular world because it seems right and natural to our fleshly minds. The enemy of our souls would allure us to follow this world's wisdom so we will not exercise true faith and trust in our Heavenly Father. In order to appear wise to the world about us, we adopt the world's wisdom and ideas. But God warns us to flee the fleshly knowledge of the world, so we can have true wisdom. If we want to be wise and understanding we must follow the advice Moses gave to the children of Israel just prior to his departure.

In Deuteronomy 4, Moses urges them to be the people God intended them to be. Their wilderness journey was now finished; they would soon enter the Promised Land under Joshua's leadership. Moses recounted the journey of the past forty years reminding the people of all God had done to deliver them. He also spoke of their fathers' sins and faithlessness that made the journey so long. More important than this history were the admonitions he gave them concerning their relationship with God. He urged them to be a wise and understanding people.

Even the heathen nations would call them wise and understanding if they were faithful to God's commands. Even though these nations did not understand these laws and though they opposed God's people in various confrontations, they still would respect them. The Lord's people down through the centuries have been opposed by many ungodly people, yet when they have held to God's teachings and practice they have earned the

THE BIBLE MONITOR

FEBRUARY 15, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

grudging respect of their enemies. When Christians have compromised and followed the world's ways, they have been held in contempt by others. True Christians today are those who have stood by God's doctrine and practice without excuse. Even the world appreciates this but it scorns the half-hearted and compromising.

Moses spoke of the possibility of them being a great nation. Their greatness was based upon God's provision for them. Deut. 4:7 speaks of God's closeness to them. There was no other nation which had a god who was close and compassionate like God. The gods of the heathen were usually distant, harsh and unfeeling. The worship of rocks and trees could never bring joy into the lives of the people, but the God of the children of Israel was close and caring. He was interested in them and wished for them to approach Him with their requests. God remains desirous of our praise and our petitions. He wants to help us in our needs just as He helped the children of Israel. He is near us. He knows us. To be a great people of God we have to depend upon Him. His closeness, caring and encouragement is superior to all the programs, plans and campaigns that we can devise.

Moses reminded them in Deut. 4:8 that their greatness was also dependent upon the righteous laws that He had given them. God had given to them through Moses a superior law. God's law was designed for their good. It not only provided for law, decency and organization among the people, it was designed for their spiritual welfare. The governments of the world can only provide for political welfare. God has given laws, that if followed, will bring eternal life, which is impossible for governments to give. We have been highly favored by God for we have His Word, which contains all that is necessary to secure eternal life. Our greatness is not dependent upon our participation in the affairs of worldly governments but it does depend on our willingness to follow His perfect law. As Moses warned the children of Israel and as John the Revelator warns us, men dare not add to nor subtract from the Word of God. There are serious consequences attached to meddling with His Word. To be great we must accept His righteous statutes and judgments.

Moses spoke of the things of God that would make them a great people. Now he speaks of the one other ingredient that would be necessary for them to succeed. They must apply themselves. They were to take heed to themselves and be diligent in serving God. They needed to remember the things of God. Not only for their own benefit, but were to teach them to their children, grandchildren and future generations. We often need to examine ourselves so we do not forget God's Will for us. What He wills for

us is not only for our generation but for all generations, so we need to continually teach those who follow after us.

If we want to be a wise and understanding people we need to realize God's nearness to us and the value of His Word in our lives. We need also to know that though God had done all these things for us, it yet remains our responsibility to do exactly as He commands us. God's people are a wise and understanding people. Are you one of them?

THE HEARTBEAT

The heartbeat of any area is the people, whether they are red, yellow, black or white. Their culture may be very interesting or their poverty very distressing, but whatever their circumstances, they need Jesus. It's the people He came to save and it's Him their hearts cry out for. Regardless of the race, you will find them open and receptive to the Gospel of Christ. You will find others who want Christ and express faith, but can't hang on to it. There will be others who openly reject the truth, but all have one thing in common — they do need Jesus.

Wherever people live, they have the same common needs of food, clothing and shelter. They all likewise need the Lord and their souls must be fed and cared for. People may be very different from us but they have feelings and emotions, they have burdens and cares, and get lonely sometimes just as we do. Deep in their hearts, they want Jesus too. Even the one who loudly rejects the Savior, calling it nonsense or whatever, in reality wants to be convinced.

God is love and for this reason, He gave His only Son for us. This is the heartbeat — the life support system — of the entire Christian faith. If God didn't love, He wouldn't have given. If He hadn't given, we would have no Jesus. If there were no Jesus, there would be no salvation, no eternal life for us. Because God loved and gave to us, we have love and the message of Christ to give to others. This love and this message have just one purpose — to bring the heartbeat of the people in tune with God's heartbeat.

This message can't be fully shared without prior prayer. To be receptive to Christ, a person's heart must first be touched and softened by love. It is good to share the Word and answer questions, but just doing alot of talking will not get the message across. Prayer is the best way to touch someone's heart with love — yours and God's. Often more praying must be done than actual face-to-face, heart-to-heart witnessing. The prayer of a righteous person avails much. Prayer will move people and touch hearts when no amount of talking will help.

There will be some who seemingly can't be convinced of the reality of Christ no matter how hard you try. But the more belligerent the reaction and the more resistance evident, the more certain you can be that the person has a hungry heart. While he or she may deny any need of God, or any desire for a personal relationship with Him, the need is there. It is merely covered up. Deep in their hearts, they want Jesus, and when you realize this, then is when your work can begin.

Christ dwells in our hearts by faith (see Eph. 3:17) and until He does, we cannot function properly as a spiritual being. Neither can we help anyone else until we have been helped. We have been designed for one purpose, to function in a wholehearted relationship to God. Going our own way and leaving Christ out means spiritual death just as surely as physical death occurs when the heart stops beating. The heart has one purpose, to circulate the blood so necessary to our existence. The heartbeat sustains physical life and we need Christ to give life to our souls.

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13. A wholehearted search for the Lord will result in a wholehearted relationship with Him. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Ps. 19:14. In such a relationship, our minds and thoughts must be right with God, "for as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Prov. 23:7). Healthy, spiritual thoughts and a desire for God's Will will help bring about a healthy, spiritual heartbeat.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Jer. 17:9. Yet it is this same heart, or inner part of man, which must believe in Christ. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." Rom. 10:10a. Somewhere between these two points is the broken heart. "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart: and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." Ps. 34:18a. The condition of the heart is changed when faith comes in and Christ is accepted, and a heart broken before the Lord no longer "beats" for self, but now "beats" for Him.

An obstruction in a blood vessel cuts off the blood supply and causes serious problems. Similarly sin in our hearts obstructs the flow of God's grace in our lives and causes serious spiritual problems. Any blood vessel obstruction is dangerous and sin is even more dangerous. There is a way to keep sin out of your heart — through God's Word. The Psalmist said, "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps. 119:11. When our hearts are full of the right things, there won't be room for the harmful things.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Matt. 22:37. The heartbeat of this

world is God's people. Whatever their color or culture, those who love and serve Him with all their hearts, souls, and minds, make any place on earth more alive and a better place to be. When the hearts of the people beat in tune with God's, there is harmony and a blessing for all. Is your soul's heartbeat in tune with God's heartbeat?

Sister Eileen Broadwater

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"BUILDING EACH OTHER UP"

For too many years Christians have worked at degrading and tearing each other down rather than building each other up. As young people in Christ's service I would like to share with you the importance of building each other up.

God has a unique plan for you as a Christian. He desires that you be a functioning member of your home church body or family of believers. You must mutually care for each other, minister to each other's needs, and consequently build each other up in the Lord.

The New Testament writers exhorted believers to participate in specific activities that would enable the Body of Christ to function effectively and to grow spiritually. The Greek word ALLELON is frequently used to describe this mutual and reciprocal process. It literally means "one another." Paul alone uses it forty times in his writings.

Foundational to our discussion of this topic is agape or Christian love. It is the more excellent way. We are told sixteen times to love one another and four times we are commanded to do so by Christ. For us to mature and grow, we must have love.

First, we are MEMBERS OF ONE ANOTHER. Paul used the analogy of the human body to get this point across. He uses the body (or soma) over thirty times to illustrate the functioning Church.

We are a part of the Body of Christ. Paul taught us that no individual Christian can function effectively by himself. Just as there are many parts to our bodies in the physical sense, so the body of Christ is made up of many members, each one being very important. WE NEED EACH OTHER. I am not better than you nor are you better than me!

Secondly, we are taught that no member of Christ's body should feel superior to another. No Christian has exclusive rights to God's grace. Humility must be an important attitude of our lives. In Romans 12:3 we are taught not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought, but rather to think of ourselves with sober

judgment. It is obviously true that one person might have a more responsible position but in God's sight even the person who may go unnoticed is just as important and necessary to the Body of Christ. When we view our human body, we immediately see such expressive parts as the mouth, hands, feet, and eyes. But the hidden parts such as the bones, muscles, glands, and so forth are very vital to the life and proper functioning of the body. We are taught in I Cor. 12 that we should work hard to create unity in the Body of Christ. We are not to have divisions, rather we are to be perfectly united in mind and thought. (I Cor. 1:10)

We must not try to build ourselves up by putting other Christians down. Some Christians seem to give the impression that they are more important than others. They appear to feel that they do not need other members of the body! Instead of selfish motives and ideas, we need to emphasize becoming mature in Christ. Maturity can be brought about in part by having a sincere love for others and working toward unity and effective body function.

To become a more effective functioning member of the Body, we must recognize that we can only work practically and minister to each other in close relationships. We cannot help or rejoice with someone that we do not know exists. The only possible way for body functions to be effective, meaningful and dynamic is in the context of the local body of believers who know each other well and who are WILLING and able on the basis of that knowledge, to minister to each other.

Your local church is not going to function automatically. There MUST be a constant growth in spiritual maturity. This maturity will lead us to concern, humility, patience, sensitivity, freedom and ultimately unity. We MUST NOT follow the trend of the modern church and put too much emphasis on looking for "gifts." Rather, let's spend our time in becoming devoted to Christ and to each other. Being a part of a family is something with which most of us identify. The body concept graphically portrays that Christians are to be "members one of another." This concept gives us a great insight to what the church should and MUST be. It adds emphasis and dimension to warmth, tenderness, concern, and loyalty.

Young people, begin NOW to evaluate your attitudes and actions toward other members of the Christian family. Learn to experience emotion and affection toward fellow Christians. Become involved in a sincere way in other people's lives. Learn to identify with other church members at the "feeling level." We can each one contribute to the success of the Church. Let's rid ourselves of animosities between individuals and congregations now and begin to really see the growth God will grant us.

Remember, "THE WORLD WILL NEVER BE **WON** UNTIL THE CHURCH IS **ONE**." This challenge I leave with you.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

SUNDAY-SCHOOL YEAR

"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after than he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen. To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." Acts. 1:1-3.

The Acts of the Apostles is a true account of the early Christian Church at work. It has always been considered one of the sacred books of the New Testament. The foundation of the early Church was Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God.

The promise, of the former books, of the descent of the Holy Spirit, is fulfilled in this book. The weaknesses of the apostles in the former books, developed into strength in this book. The commission to go into all the world is realized in the Acts. The miracles, physical and spiritual, taught in the Gospels are realized in the Acts.

The Gospels closed with the proof of Christ's resurrection, which is here witnessed through the Holy Spirit, to draw together the followers of Christ. The Acts brings forth the witnesses of Christ to enlighten the world. The Kingdom of Heaven springs forth in the hearts of men from the seed that was sown. The violent persecution which Christ predicted here comes forth through the human nature of men.

The Kingdom of Christ is here accepted by many Jews and many Gentiles also. Here we find baptized believers meeting in religious assemblies, engaging in prayer and practicing the teachings of Christ, with all who would accept this great plan of salvation. This organization built upon the ruin of the Jewish Church, according to the pattern given by Christ, experienced much growth as the Christian Church.

Perhaps the outstanding lessons we learn from the early Christians are: zeal, love and determination for the salvation of souls. With all our blessings, dare we witness with any less determination? What sacrifice, what effort, what persecution are we willing to endure for our Lord and Saviour? "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matt. 24:13.

Brother Howard Surbey
Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340

1981 GENERAL CONFERENCE SERMON NOTES

Continued from January 15, 1982 Issue

Speaker: Bro. Paul Byfield.

When the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles they became strong in His service. We must be led by the Holy Spirit to be successful. We must be completely dependent on Him. While we have heard much about the name and person of Jesus, we must do something beyond being baptized and joining the Church. We must remember that God is unchanging. We are dealing with the same God who put Adam out of the Garden of Eden. It is the same God who confused the languages at the Tower of Babel. He also repented that He had created man because of their wickedness.

We are in a trying time. God has given us a standard. He has allowed us within that standard to do much. We are given many things in the New Testament that we are expected to do. God can not look upon sin. We are serving the God who could not look upon His Son when He bore the world's sins, so we must strive to keep away from sin.

Jer. 9:24. The modern interpretation of God is that He is love and will not enforce His commandments. They believe that He will excuse them. Nature is the handiwork of God. But that is not enough to be in union with God. We must follow Him, what He expects of us and how He feels about different things.

Rom. 11:22. There are two sides to God, His goodness and His severity. To those who love and serve Him, goodness. But those who disobey God, know His severity. God can be severe. This is not just to Jews but Gentiles as well since Jesus broke down the middle wall of partition. If we continue in His goodness He will bless us. If we get out of His bounds and standards we will feel His severity.

God has given us a choice. Jesus came first to Israel but we were grafted in. He gave us His Word, which is the universal Gospel to the whole world. That Word is going to judge. He sent His Son into the world. He is either to be accepted or rejected. Man is either going to obey or reject His Son. We must accept Him on the terms of the Word of God, which will judge us.

Ex. 8 pictures God's severity. The plagues were God's severity upon Egypt. Pharaoh continued to harden his heart. We serve the same God who dealt with Pharaoh. Abraham had faith that God would provide the sacrifice so he would not come back alone. God could depend upon Abraham and Abraham could depend upon God. There are many sins which are displeasing to God, one

that is prevalent today is divorce. Moses allowed divorce because of the hardness of their hearts. Jesus said it should not be. Many leave out of the wedding ceremony the part about man not putting asunder what God had joined together. We are serving an unchanging God. He is a loving and merciful God but He requires our obedience. After the Passover the Egyptians let them go but they later changed their minds. God delivered the Children of Israel by the cloud and parting of the Red Sea. But by the same means He hindered and destroyed the Egyptians. Disobedience became a problem for the children of Israel both in the wilderness and in the Promised Land. They tended to forget Him when they prospered.

We must answer to God some day. Jesus is our intercessor in Heaven. He serves as our Advocate before the Father. We have the anointing and Feet Washing as cleansing services but we must examine ourselves daily to be sure we are pleasing Him. We must continually come for a cleansing. We do not want to be like the hobo with a heavy burden of sins on our backs when we come before the Father. We don't have to, if we come through our mediator. He is willing to do so.

We must be careful in our walk of life. He can not condone sin. Let us do what He requires of us.

Closing: Bro. Paul Stump.

We do have a just God, whom we must serve daily. We should search His Word and desire to do His Will. We need to be enthused. People are enthused about their material business. Why not God's business? Do we want to go to God's House? Are we after the fishes and loaves? Do we want to follow Jesus afar off? People should be able to read our lives and know we are serving the Lord. Do we cause people to be put off from following God?

To be continued

A SHARP LOOK AT PSALM 51

In Princeton, New Jersey, a scientific laboratory is perfecting a twelve inch vinyl disc capable of storing the entire Encyclopedia Britannica, or, if desired, 50,000 photographs. All the data will be instantly accessible. Far-fetched! But if you think about it for a few moments, it is not as farout as one may think. If man through scientific endeavor can produce such a fantastic instrument for the instant recall of information and pictures, how much more an infinite God?

Have you ever thought about Matthew 12:36, which states that

"every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account of it in the day of judgment." The books will be opened. Words and deeds will confront the sinner. No one will question the record. The court's revealing will be beyond question and complete. The sinner will be stripped of every defense. Take time to read Romans 2:16. The ultimate recall will be a certainty. Is there no hope for the sinner? There is hope, for Jesus Christ appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. He is the sufficient Savior. He wants you to come to Him and He has promised He will not cast you out.

Do you recall when was the last time you read Psalm 51? Are you aware of any impressions that reached you as you read? An impression is a strong effect produced on the intellect, feelings or conscience.

What is your first impression after reading the first four verses? To ask for mercy indicates that one is guilty. His transgressions, his iniquity, and his sin is ever before him (verse 3). He wants God to hide His face from His sins (verse 9). He pleads that God would blot them out (verse 1). He knew he had sinned against God (verse 4). He expressed his willingness to offer any amount of sin offerings, but he knew that the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart and he knew that God would not abhor that (verse 16-17).

Examine the pleas of David, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness." Observe he does not say, according to your kindness. At this point in his experience he needed more than kindness. He is asking for "loving kindness." There are times when we are kind to others but we are not motivated by love. We act out of necessity and pity. He knew that out of His "loving kindness" God would purge him and wash him and make him clean (verse 7).

David looks deeper into the mercies of God, "according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies." David was acquainted with his guilt. He knew without a "multitude of God's tender mercies" he would be totally, finally, ruined and undone. He could not run from it, or excuse it. He could ask for forgiveness.

Another impression will sweep over you. David failed to protect his fellowship with God. What he had done he did "in the sight of God" (verse 4). David being a king, was not liable to be called to account by any of his subjects. Nor was there any authority in the land by which he could be judged and punished. He knew God alone was greater than the king, and to Him alone he was responsible. He could have said, "I cannot be called to the bar of my subjects, but I can arrange myself before the judgment bar of

God. I see no help. No legal atonement can help me. You are my Judge. When Thou judgest me, I will either feel your justice or be pardoned by a sovereign act of mercy." I can hear David cry, "O God, I feel my transgressions. I turn to Thee with the fullest remorse. I have a broken spirit and a contrite heart. I have sinned against Thee."

Another impression will sweep over you and this is loaded with hope. "I even I, am He that blotteth out thine transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." (Isaiah 43:25). Greater than the gravity of man's iniquities is the mystery and warmth of God's mercy. Note (verse 1-2): transgressions, iniquity and sin, cover every form of moral evil and united together imply the deepest guilt.

Jesus Christ appeared "to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." Heb. 9:26. He did it once, never to be repeated. He tasted sin for every man, and drank the cup with bitter dregs, never to be repeated. He was nailed to the cross. He died. He was buried. He came forth from the dead, never to be repeated. He was raised again for our justification.

Friend, don't bypass the Christ of the cross. If you do, you have lost your way, rejected the truth, and know nothing about eternal life. "He that hath the Son hath life, he that hath not the Son hath not life." I John 5:12. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name." John 1:12.

"Now is the accepted time." II Cor. 6:2.

R. C. Steinhart
E.C.C. Retirement Village
S. Railroad Street
Myerstown, Pa. 17067-1398

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth forever." Psalms 111:10.

Angels in Heaven ever praise the Lord as they are ever ready to obey His Word. In this holy attitude, we too would praise the Lord for His goodness in bringing to us this Word of Truth. It stands today living and vibrant; untarnished by some thirty centuries of use.

The "Fear of the Lord" should pre-date all of a parents teaching of the innocent child. All teaching of human and Divine knowledge should be done in the fear of the Lord. The fact that it is not so

done in most cases should put us on our guard. The understanding of both child and Christian parent must be implanted from the start in the true Fear of the Lord.

Although, as Paul would say, "We know in part", (and so do we speak and write) it is a Divine Truth, that, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Ps. 119:130.

The inherited, sinful, Adamic nature is the same in all human kind. For this reason the innocent child, though never as yet having wilfully sinned, also has inherited the fallen, sinful nature of the parent. The mind of the innocent is a clean page, waiting for the parents' first impressions upon it. Christian parental love accepts gladly this responsibility of impression on this innocent mind, the "Fear of the Lord" for as we read Psalms 19:9, "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever."

There is both a reverential trust and a hatred of evil. The Christian child senses this in the parent, as the meaning of the Word addresses itself to the child's understanding. In the Providence of God, the name, Jesus, used in song and everyday speech, soon centers the young mind for further understanding in this Holy "Fear of the Lord." In this Name, the love of God is put on a high level for an answering love and trust by God's man creatures. His Words become precious and by the Holy Spirit ever seeks to bring this child's heart and mind to an early decision for Christ.

The Christian parent is aware that all five senses of the child are ever open to the parent for care and instruction. The most simple Christian parent can go to the Father in Heaven for daily help and guidance in parental responsibilities. The child's understanding soon responds in this beginning of Wisdom.

The true fear of the Lord answers life's first questions. Where did I come from? Where am I going from here? Why, and for what purpose am I here? What goals in life are worthwhile? God's Word by His Holy Spirit has the answers. This positive factor of reverential trust in Jesus and the negative factor of hatred of evil, calls for a happy Christian atmosphere in the home. Christian song that speaks of the Abiding Three (I Cor. 13:13). Faith, hope and Christian charity (love) ever cheers and comforts with bright assurance of the eternal bliss awaiting Christ's own.

In the negative factor of hatred of evil, a certain amount of discipline is necessary. Prov. 22:15, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." Prov. 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

The Apostle Paul gives a word of caution to Christian fathers. Eph. 6:4, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." And again Col. 3:21, "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." By the same Word, wives are to "submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord." And verse 20, "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing to the Lord."

The Holy Spirit ever abides and enables that the fruits of the Spirit — "Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith" (Gal. 5:22-23) will ever adorn and enrich the Christian home as a shining light, as, indeed, "A city set on a hill, which cannot be hid", Matt. 5:14. And it is to this accomplishment of the Holy faith in Jesus in the Christian home, that the Christian husband carries his responsibilities to God.

It is in this "Fear of the Lord", received from birth from faithful parents, that I have endeavored to live this far through this century. I recommend it especially to the Christian youth today, and most especially to those attempting to build a Christian home. This Holy fear of the Lord brings one face to face with Him in His Word. In my own evening of life, my life's testimony must be one of Praising the Lord for His Word. Psalms 119:105, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

The Christian home has indeed a great need for the fellowship of those of like precious faith. To partake in the Worship and Praise of God, in the united prayers of the saints, and in listening to the Word. God only knows how His Holy Spirit brings the living Truth of the Word to the hearts of both saint and sinner. Ah! Yes, also to the aged and to the youth according to the need of each one. Many Christians bear witness today of hearing of Jesus and His Word from earliest memory. All such should be praising the Lord for this heritage of faith, and of faithful parents. Even in this time of great wickedness, we can still be daily overcomers through Him who loved us enough to die for our sins, and was raised from the dead, and has promised to return to take us to Himself.

John 5:39. Search the Scriptures. Study the Word. II Tim. 2:15. Our fear is not the fears of the ungodly.

Innocence has nothing to fear in the name of Jesus. As the Christian mother through the long centuries, rocked her baby to sleep as she sang the praises of Jesus, her own heart and mind was quieted and refreshed as she did so.

As the little eyes closed, the Scripture Psalms 127:2 was again fulfilled. "For so he giveth his beloved sleep."

Your Brother in Christ
James D. Cover

OBITUARY

LAURA SAMPSON

Sis. Laura Sampson, daughter of Samuel and Lavina (Stutzman) Wyse, was born December 30, 1897 at Wauseon, Ohio. She departed this life October 4, 1981 at Wauseon.

On September 26, 1925, she was united in marriage to George Sampson. She was a member of the West Fulton Dunkard Brethren Church.

She is survived by her husband, George, two sons, Willard of Hutchinson, Kansas; Gerald of Blissfield, Michigan; two daughters, Christine Guilford of Wilmington, Ohio; Alice Keller of Greenville, Ohio. Also several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Three brothers, Earl and Carl of Wauseon; Alvin of Hessel, Michigan. Three sisters, Mabel Pike of West Unity, Ohio; Effie Eberly and Mary Zenz of Delta, Ohio.

Services were held in the Swan Creek Church of the Brethren, Delta, Ohio, October 7, 1981. Elder Edward Johnson officiating, assisted by Elder Allen Eberly. Burial in Greenlawn Cemetery, Delta, Ohio.

MARRIAGE

MYERS - BROSS

Sis. Malinda Lou Myers, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Nelson E. Myers, Manheim, Pennsylvania and Bro. Scott Jeffrey Bross, son of Bro. and Sis. Caleb Bross, Myerstown, Pennsylvania were united in marriage September 26, 1981 at the Midway Reception Center, Lexington, Pennsylvania. Elder Allen Eberly performed the marriage ceremony.

The couple's home address is R.D. 1 Box 206C, Myerstown, Pennsylvania 17067.



What is Christianity? In the home, it is kindness; in business, it is honesty; in society, it is courtesy; in work, it is thoroughness; in play, it is fairness; toward the fortunate, it is congratulation; toward the unfortunate, it is pity; toward the weak, it is help; toward the wicked, it is resistance; toward the strong, it is trust; toward the penitent, it is forgiveness; and toward God, it is reverence and love.

DIRECTORY OF BOARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dale E. Jamison, Chairman
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Ray R. Reed, Secretary
Box 12, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Joseph E. Flora, Chairman
R. 3 Box 12, Adel, Iowa 50003

Hayes Reed, Secretary
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

William Carpenter, Treasurer
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Harley Rush
R. 1, Converse, Indiana 46919

Galen Litfin
1314 East 7th St.
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Dale Jamison
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Jacob C. Ness
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

Frank Shaffer
13062 Grant Shook Rd.
Greencastle, PA 17225

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Howard J. Surbey, Chairman
749 W. King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340

Jacob C. Ness, Secretary
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

H. Edward Johnson, Treasurer
5-1307-S.H. 108
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Dean St. John
1040 Hillsdale Road, R. 1
Camden, Michigan 49232

Warren C. Smith
McClave, Colorado 81057

BIBLE STUDY BOARD

William Carpenter, Chairman
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Eugene Kauffman, Secretary
R. 6, Box 51
Harrisburg, Virginia 22801

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

Rudolph Cover
2034 Roble Ave.
Modesto, CA 95351

Dennis St. John
Rt. 1
Bryan, Ohio 43506

RELIEF BOARD

Boyd Wyatt, Chairman
4925 Tegner Rd.
Hughson, CA 95326
209-883-4138

Newton Jamison, Secretary
512 Garfield
Quinter, Kansas 67752
913-754-3433

Kyle Reed, Treasurer
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
515-677-2467

Virgil Leatherman
419 N. Queen St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-5753

Robert Carpenter
R. 5, Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

TORREON NAVAJO MISSION

David Skiles, Superintendent
R. 2 Box 8
Cuba, New Mexico 87013

Hayes Reed, Chairman
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

Kyle Reed, Secretary
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167

Newton Jamison, Treasurer
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Harley Flory
R. 4, Defiance, Ohio 43512

All contributions to the various Boards should be made out to the Treasury, but sent to the Secretary for his records.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

MARCH 1, 1982

NO. 5

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

TOO BUSY

Too busy to read a chapter a day,
Too busy, yes, much too busy to pray,
Too busy to think of your wasted past,
In this whirlwind life which we know won't last.

Too busy to speak a word of cheer,
To the heart-broken friend, that stands so near,
Too busy to help lift his heavy load,
That he's trying to carry on life's rough road.

Too busy gathering a dollar and dime,
For the worthwhile things we haven't time.
The devil keeps whispering, "Grab your share,
Why waste precious hours in prayer?"

Too busy to heed the orphans cry,
And with a glance we hurry by,
Some day we'll lift our voice to the sky,
For not one of us is too busy to die.

Perhaps when we reach that pearly white throne,
God will be too busy to call us His own,
So let us calm down to slower pace,
Be ready to meet Jesus face to face.

Selected by Brother Harold K. Musselman

THE MONITOR

Perhaps some have wondered how this publication received the name, Bible Monitor. The word "Monitor" is not a common name. Other religious publications have names speaking of advocacy, fellowship or praise. Why then was this name chosen for this publication?

A monitor is that which, "warns, reminds, advises or instructs", according to the dictionary. A Bible monitor does not apply men's understanding to the Bible but rather allows the Bible to warn, remind, advise or instruct men. The Bible Monitor's purpose is to present the Bible as the basis for its readers' lives.

The Bible must be the basis for all our beliefs and deeds. Without the Bible, we can not know anything about our lives, God, redemption or the Church. With the Bible we can not only know about these things but we can know what our relationship to each should be.

The Bible must be accepted as the Word of God. If it were not His Word then it would be just another ancient book. Since it is His Word we can have confidence in its message to us on every subject. The Bible is a unique book for it alone of all the thousands and millions of books available is inspired by God. Many authors claim for their books some kind of inspiration. Many authors have been given their talent by God and they use it for His glory. But many, while talented, waste the talent upon literature that is unfit for human eyes, let alone the pure eyes of God. The writers of sacred writ were not only talented writers but were inspired by the Holy Ghost.

This book is so different than any other for its message is vital

THE BIBLE MONITOR

MARCH 1, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

for our lives. It must be allowed to monitor our lives. We are admonished several times to examine ourselves so we can know whether we are true to the faith it teaches. If we had no Bible we would have no standard by which to measure ourselves. If we measure ourselves by our own opinion, or by comparison with other men or by some other book, our examination will be futile. Without a standard we will but commend ourselves, worthily or not.

Since the Bible is the Word of God, we know it is true because He is Truth. Therefore everything that He records for us will be true. That is more than can be said about men's books. Even the best of books contain errors and the worst of books may purposely falsify. A book inspired by God's Spirit should inspire its readers to follow Him. Having the truth presented demands a certain response — either we are going to follow it or we are going to ignore it. To ignore it is to commit a terrible mistake. It is folly to have available the true and that which will bless and then turn it down.

The Bible speaks not only of the person and existence of God. It also speaks of the creation, fall and present condition of men. It spares no strokes in painting the darkness of the nature and activities of men. It also shows the remedy for men's sins, failures and misdeeds. Without the Bible's message, there would be no hope for men. Men since Adam have put themselves in the places of judgment and punishment. They are without hope, for there is nothing they can do to free themselves from sin and despair. But the Bible tells men of the love and work done by God to secure their redemption. Their only hope lies in the pages of the Bible. There they learn of Jesus Christ and His gift of eternal life bought through a terrible sacrifice.

The Bible also details the life that should be lived by the One who has believed and accepted the plan of salvation. The Bible provides a standard for the attitudes, deeds and words of the Christian. The Bible contains the organization, ordinances and message of the Church. These are given so the child of God will not be left alone but will be able to serve with others. Men can not travel the road to Heaven alone, it is a co-operative journey. It demands the effort and faithfulness of each one. These guidelines for the Church's service are given so each Christian may receive God's blessings. It is an obedience to God's commands, ordinances and directions that men are blessed.

The real and best Bible monitor is the Bible itself. It should be the monitor of each of our lives. The Bible Monitor can not take the place of the Bible. But by being faithful to the Bible's teachings, it can draw each of our hearts towards God's Word, so we can think more about its message for each one of us. Let the Bible monitor your life and let the Bible Monitor help you to live it.

WHEN SOMEONE -- LEAVES YOU

When someone you love leaves you, then what? A loved one may die unexpectedly, or you may know well in advance that death is coming, but either way, you can't truly prepare yourself for the actual time of death. You can't prepare in advance for the loneliness you will experience, for the many little reminders of your loved one's absence. What do you do with your regrets, the things you wanted to do for that one and either couldn't or didn't? Just what should your outlook be in the light of God's Word and Eternity?

There will be adjustments to make in your thoughts, prayers and daily activities when someone you love leaves you and enters Eternity. You can't just wipe a person out of your life in a few moments or even in a few days, but you can receive help and strength from the Lord to go on. Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14:18. Jesus will come to your heart and help you by His Spirit. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13) and so can you, not by yourself, but with Jesus.

You are not to sorrow as someone would who has no hope in Christ. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." I Thess. 4:13. A Christian's hope is in Christ, both now and for Eternity, when hope becomes reality. You need to hold on to the hope you have, unless the Lord indicates otherwise. He won't give you a false hope. In some situations, you may have doubts about another's salvation, but don't pass judgment. Only God knows each person's heart and the final judgment is His.

The death of a loved one who belongs to Christ should make you long for Heaven in a way you never have before. It should change your perspective on what this life has to offer and make you more heavenly-minded. Life does not end here, only in a physical sense and death is a time of transition to Eternity. In Christ, death is the end of sorrow and the beginning of joy. It is the end of pain and ailing bodies. Worries and cares are exchanged for peace and rest in the Lord. This life is the only time you have to prepare for Eternity, and your theme should be "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21.

It is a popular thing to make a memorial gift to charity, when someone dies. This is fine, but the best memorial you can make is to live for Christ and look forward to a reunion in Heaven. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." I Cor. 15:19. How thankful we should be that our hope

doesn't end here, for not even death can separate us from God's love in Christ. (see Rom. 8:38-39) Death brings separation and separation brings sadness, but when you can hope for a heavenly reunion, the burden is lighter because you know the separation is only temporary.

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. This life is your time of preparation for what follows: eternity and judgment. You may have regrets about what you did or did not do for someone you loved who is now gone, but the past can't be changed. It can, however, be a steppingstone for you, if you will take a lesson from your experience and remember that now is the only time you have. Now is the time for you to do the things for others which you know you should do. Now is the time for you to be sure your own heart is right with God. Then when you must leave this life, you can leave without regret.

Job said, "I would not live alway." Job 7:16. He had become weary of life, and didn't want to live here forever. The Hebrew people recognized death as a part of life and prepared for it. Both of Isaac's sons sought a blessing from him before he died, and others made preparation for death. You, too, need to accept the fact that there is a time for death in your own life as well as in the lives of others. There will come a time when you will need to release yourself or a loved one entirely into God's hands and say "Thy will be done." Make your preparation ahead of time so you will be ready when that moment comes.

A definition of death is a permanent cessation of all vital functions; it is a release from this life. We all know that death will come to each of us sometime, but we are not given the power to choose when it will be. "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit." Ecc. 8:8. God alone must decide whose time it is to go and who must remain here awhile longer. If we could choose the order of death, we would only make it more painful than it is.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psa. 116:15. This is in contrast to Ezek. 33:11 — "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked." It is God's desire that all would be saved, including you, your friends and loved ones. What you do for others should be done with Eternity in mind, with the knowledge that today may be your only opportunity to lead someone to Jesus. It may be your only chance to apologize for unkindnesses and neglect, to give some encouragement or help. Before someone you love leaves you, do what you can to encourage him or her in Christ. Then you will have memories which will comfort you, rather than regrets which bring heartache.

Sister Eileen Broadwater

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"BODY BUILDING"

This will continue our topic on building up the Body of Christ.

Young people, your devotion to other Christians must be in "brotherly love." The term "brother(s)" is used two hundred thirty times in the New Testament. The term means "from the same womb" and is distinctly a family term. This means we have all been born again into God's forever family. We are closely related to each other through a common heritage. Paul's teaching is clear. We are to be as devoted to each other as we are to our personal families. We are truly BLOOD BROTHERS because in Christ "we have redemption through His blood, and the forgiveness of sin." In the story of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Fin, these fellows signed a pact with their blood, committing themselves to each other. Blood brothers will do anything for each other, even die! Do YOU love brothers and sisters in Christ enough to die for them? Think about it!

As in human life, Christians begin as infants.... babes in Christ. We go through various stages of development. In our immaturity we can easily fall into patterns of self centered behavior. But as we mature our lives MUST reflect the nature of Christ.

Analyze yourself by asking and answering the following questions:

1. Do you fear rejection? Some people have been so deeply hurt by others in the Church that they are afraid to express their feelings or emotions. If you are one of these people, work toward a mature perspective and don't let the bad experience rob you of God's best! Pray about it and go on in His service.

2. Have you had a poor family background? Some people grow up in homes where physical affection and love toward other family members are seldom or never expressed. This may have given you a distorted attitude in showing sincere love to others. When we have been taught by example and practice to keep feelings inside and never express them, this attitude carries over in dealing with members of the family of God. Don't let negative home experiences ruin Church fellowship. Share your deep needs with someone and pray about them.

3. Are you basically angry and resentful? Some Christians are actually controlled by deep feelings of anger and dislike of other people. This defies all the New Testament teachings on love!

4. Do you spend most of your time thinking about yourself? Some Christians are very selfish and self centered. They think only about themselves. They could care less about their Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Naturally, they find it difficult to express

love to them. This type of selfish attitude is often expressed in prayers.

To "Body Build", we need to honour each other. We should rejoice when others achieve, when they are honored, and when they are successful. Does jealousy sometimes overcome you when someone else receives a greater Church office or a large material blessing? When Christ walked on this earth, He set the supreme example in honouring others above Himself. Along with the unselfish acts of His life, His humility and self sacrificing, He was obedient to death on the cross.

Can you actually think of any situations where you purposely attempted to honour someone above yourself? If it is difficult for you to compliment others and enjoy their successes, take a close look at your own personality. Ask God to give you victory over selfishness. Satan's primary strategy in the Church involves destroying unity among its members. He is the author of confusion, insensitivity, false doctrine, and Church splits.

Christ's primary concern is for His Church to be unified, to have a oneness that reveals the very essence of His character. Unity creates effective body function. Effective body function creates more unity! Where there is unity there will be a dynamic witness for Jesus Christ.

Satan delights in using trivia to destroy local churches. The only winner in allowing human irritations to bring about misunderstandings to divide us, is Satan. Nothing shatters true unity among Christians more thoroughly than trying to evaluate another person's personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are not to be a part of false judgment. Rather, we are to accept the weak in the Faith and help to build them up. (Rom. 14:1) If we are really mature (perfect) we will be sensitive toward other Brothers and Sisters who are not as strong as we are. Remember, too, that favoritism, prejudice, and discrimination in the Body of Christ violate the law of God.

You need to evaluate your own attitudes and actions. Are you accepting or rejecting people upon your own standards... or God's?

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

FULFILLING OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE

Each and everyone of us were placed here on earth for a purpose. God makes no mistakes. But it seems sometimes we are not sure what that purpose is. We'd like to take a look at that Deacon Brother, Stephen, for awhile.

We find in Acts 6 that there was a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because the widows were being neglected. We find that there were seven men full of the Holy Ghost chosen for this job. Why seven? We find this number many times in the word of God. It means completeness, perfection, or bringing to an end. Therefore, seven men full of the Holy Ghost were chosen to complete or fulfill a job that they were placed in this world to do. Stephen stands out most of those seven. He fulfilled his job and it brought his life upon this earth to an end, but only caused him to pass unto perfection.

They brought Stephen before the council and false witnesses said, "This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law." Acts 6:13. These hypocrites, these whited sepulchres, these blind men which cleaned the outside of the cup but their inside was full of dead mens bones, falsely accused Stephen, the man of God. In II Tim. 3:3 we find these words, "Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good." I believe there are people who are trying to fulfill their purpose in this life and despiser. The Word of God tells us our obligations as Christians. II Tim. 3:4 "Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." Many times people would rather follow loving pleasure than fulfilling their Christian duties.

As they had Stephen in the council the 15th verse says, "And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel." What a sight to behold. Is your face and my face shining with the love of God, are we glad to be named among the saints of God or does it disfigure us? Are we ever complaining about everything and never thankful at all? Fulfilling your purpose as a Christian, what is it?

We find in Acts 7, Stephen preached quite a sermon to those accusers. Verse 51 says, "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers do, so do ye." Look out! Words like that will cut to the heart, and they did. Maybe we might say, "Oh, he shouldn't have said that," but remember Stephen was full of the Holy Ghost and he was fulfilling his purpose in this life. Verse 54 tells us, "When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth." What did Stephen now do? Verse 55, "But he being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God." You know, Stephen could have tried to fight back in the flesh, but he believed in non-resistance. How would you feel, how would I feel if people were gnashing on your arm as if it were a cob of corn? What would our reaction be? Then they took him out of

the city and stoned him. When you sit down and meditate on this you can almost feel the stones hitting your body. Little stones, big stones, being hurtled into his face, arms; his whole body just being bombarded by stones. The pain must have been great. It also reminds us of the pain our Savior bore on the cross.

But Stephen had his mind on Heaven. He said, "Lord lay not this sin to their charge." Oh, how Satan, when they were stoning Stephen, thought he was winning against Stephen. But, Oh, how wrong Satan was. Stephen the whole time was winning the battle and the war.

Sometimes Satan does win a battle over us, in our lives, but dear Brother and Sister, we must fight the good fight of faith and win the war. There is a Gospel song that says, "We may lose a battle now and then, but I've already won the war." That, my dear friends, is only partly true. We have not yet won the war. We must continue on. It is very possible we can turn again back into Egypt and lose the war and miss our home in Heaven. The doctrine of eternal security is growing, and that is what that song consists of. II Tim. 3:14, "But continue thou in the things which thou has learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." Stephen gained a crown and so can we, if we fulfill our purpose in this life. Sometimes we have two choices to make in life. For example, maybe there is a party of some kind going on and you are invited, but also there is a Brother or Sister, who is sick or would greatly appreciate your visit, which will you choose? How long halt ye between two opinions? God help us to choose that which will be a blessing to someone else, and in return we will receive a blessing that we can't contain. James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in the affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Remember the verse we read in II Tim. 3, "Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." And when we choose pleasure over doing our duty we just lost a battle and missed a blessing. Sometimes it seems we'd rather miss a blessing and gain a dollar. Instead of being at Church service on an evening we work in the garden, or elsewhere, or we have some pleasure to take care of. Heb. 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." What is the matter with us so many times, are we blind, can't we see the day approaching, or what is the problem? The widows go unvisited, the prisons are not our responsibility, so we say. How about the fatherless? If only each one of us who profess to be Christians could grasp that verse. Yes, we assemble for parties and games, we will lift weights or jog to gain physical strength, and have what we

call fun, but, oh, how sad, when we love this more than assembling to study God's Word together. We poor mortal beings get all mixed up. We gather more and more for pleasure and less for our spiritual welfare. My prayer is that I could grasp this more and it should be each of our prayers.

Stephen fell asleep. A beautiful picture to behold, and yet sad. Beautiful because Stephen fulfilled his purpose and was taken home to be with Jesus; sad because those that accused him now have more to answer for on the day of judgment. How about you and me? Will we be able to fall asleep when our life comes to an end, or will we have left undone and unfulfilled, our purpose in life?

Brother Ray Stuber

1981 GENERAL CONFERENCE SERMON NOTES

Continued from February 15, 1982 Issue

Monday P.M.

Moderator: Bro. Dennis St. John.

Chorister: Bro. Russel Berkenstock.

Opening: Bro. David Kegerreis. Rev. 22.

This gives a very beautiful picture. This is the reason we gather in a general conference. We are here to do the work of the Church, to be uplifted by our association together and to learn more of the Word of God. This points to the end of time and we want to prepare our lives to be ready for that time. When Jesus comes this time it will not be as a babe but as a ruler. He will come quickly for a prepared people. Are we prepared? If we knew a thief were coming to steal our possessions we would make preparations. We should be as careful about this.

First Speaker: Bro. Leonard Wertz. Inconsistency — A Sign of the Last Times. James 4:7-10, Matt. 24:32-39.

The Bible gives us many keys to let us know these are the last times. The thoughts of men's hearts are evil continually today. Although we are surrounded by degraded minds we need not fear for God is with us. Our worry is for the lost people involved in these things. We are not worried about whether God exists or not — we know.

Isaiah spoke of Hell enlarging itself. That broad road is carrying so many toward destruction. We have a responsibility to keep on the narrow way. Are our lives consistent with what we profess as a Christian people? If we are inconsistent we can not reach the pearly gates just because our names are on the Church rolls. We must manifest Him in our lives.

The disciples desired to know the sign of His coming. He

instructed them about the things that would happen in the end times. A rejection of God was prophesized and it is being fulfilled. Various cults are rapidly spreading throughout the world including Satan worship. There is no great turning toward God. Homosexuality was another sign of the end and it has come to pass. Inventions have been proliferating as predicted. There are not only mechanical inventions but also genetic experimentation. Apostasy also speaks of the present age. Churches which in the past were conservative and useful have grown cold and drawn away from serving God. Preaching is rejected, today. It is the responsibility of each to proclaim the Gospel. Anarchy is another condition present today. Buying, selling, planting and building are normal activities but they become ways for men to keep their minds off Spiritual things. Men would be lovers of themselves and today many have turned away from God.

It is time we awaken and live consistent lives. We need to be careful that our Church does not slip and become Apostate. We need to have lives consistent with His Word. There are four points of inconsistency.

Do we serve the Church gladly or is it a burden? We need a great desire to serve God. Inconsistency is a changeableness. Are we satisfied with the boundaries set for our lives? Do we want the Church to have the rules that will help us to be consistent? A person with an old heart, mind and will can not enter into the family of God. We were created by God with an ability to serve Him.

Are our minds empty of spiritual things. Men thought they were doing a great thing when building the Tower of Babel but God looked at it differently. Are our thoughts consistent with God's thoughts? We dare not to try to mix the world and the Church. The natural mind is reprobate and conceited. It is our reasonable service to present ourselves a living sacrifice with a renewed mind. A renewed mind is one rejuvenated. We can have the mind of Jesus. He did such great things for us. He was submissive to His Father's will. We must be submissive to God and the Church. We must submit one to another. Even in the family there is an order of submission. If we are going to be a consistent Christian, we are going to be a submissive Christian. Even though there is some good on radio and television so much leads away from living a true Christian life, even the religious programs.

Our emotions are an important part of our life. We are to love one another fervently. Before becoming a Christian, man has a lustful heart. The Spiritual part of the natural man is dead so does not respond to Spiritual things. All parts of our lives must be Christian. No part can be separated from being Spiritual. Because God loved

us, we have a capacity to love that the unconverted lacks. The Holy Kiss is a sign of that love we have for each other. It is commanded by the Holy Spirit. Are we selective about our practice of the Salutation?

Are we consistent Christians? Are there still nooks and crannies in our lives reserved for the world? One of the common inconsistencies is covetousness. The covetous takes everything in but gives nothing out. The world is so tied up in material things that there is no time for Jesus. We can not build our mansion in Heaven with material things. The world's materialism would bring many inconsistencies before the Christian. Fashion is one of the strongest. We are to be a peculiar people. Members should bring their children up in a way that they learn the plain way. Slogan tee shirts are wrong for Christians to wear whether they bear Gospel slogans or not. Consistent Christians cannot be involved in politics whether local or national. Sports is the passion of the world. But sports take our minds off Christian things and money from the Church's work.

Sometimes we get our priorities mixed up, putting material things before Spiritual. We can not be consistent and proud. We speak of all that we have accumulated. We need to be driving pride out through wearing plain garb and being submissive to the Bible's teachings. Complaining is inconsistent behaviour for Christians. We complain even though God has provided for us. Are we bitter toward God? Do we stop and think of all that God has done for us? Do we remember the vows we made when we came to the Church? We made promises, are we keeping them or are we indifferent? Do we become involved in gossip which is another inconsistent activity? Satan wants us to be angry. It is a sign of smallness. We would not want to physically harm another but we wound them many other subtle ways. We need to examine ourselves to see if any of these inconsistent things are in our lives. We need to grow daily in Spiritual things. We need an improving devotional life. We need to feed our Spiritual lives consistently. We need to study the Scripture under the Holy Spirit's direction.

We need a revival of our missionary zeal. We all owe a huge debt to the Lord Jesus Christ and we can only pay it by sharing His Gospel. We must be consistent Christians.

To be continued.

MODESTY OF 1982

If there ever is a time for modesty and plainness for us as a Christian people, it is now! Down through the early Church, our

forefathers firmly believed in plainness, taught strongly against pride and superfluity in dress, and stood separate from the worldly things in life.

The Bible does not tell us how we should dress, as far as our length of dress and the plain suit coat, but it does say in I Thess. 5:22 "Abstain from all appearance of evil." This tells me if the world loves to do these things (and the world loves to wear flashy colors) then we as a godly people should abstain from them. "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." I Timothy 2:9-10.

Modesty is a quality or state of being modest, Purity of thought and of manners; not forward, bold or obtrusive (sharp or blunt). If we are shamefaced, we are timid and bashful. Sobriety means to be sober.

When we join hands with the Church and give our heart to God, we are telling God that we desire a closer walk with Him. We renounce Satan and all his sinful practices in our vows to God. This is not just a play act, but a serious act, and we had better mean it. With God's help, we should get on our knees and pray like we never prayed before to have our sins under the blood and keep a determination to always try and stay on the Lord's side. How do we stay on the Lord's side? We need to have daily devotions, be open minded to talk to those who are separate from the world. We need to go home and clean out the trashy closets of worldly fashionable attire. We need to throw out all those western and country singing records and tapes and get rid of those mushy story books. Start filling your library with books that teach honesty, modesty, charity and prayer. Books that have good spiritual filling experiences that your children can read and learn from when the get to reading age, will be of much more value in this life.

I cannot understand why the sinner who sees a need of a Savior and the sacred things of the Church will join Church and still want to cling to those stylish fashions of the world; be giddy in their speech and do all those things that they are used to doing. "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, or jesting which are not convenient." Eph. 5:3-4. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." I Peter 5:8. Is it any wonder we each need to be readers of God's divine Word every day to grow thereby?

A minister of the Gospel once said in our hearing, "It doesn't matter if we put on two or three bonnets or hats; if our heart is not

right, our outward plainness will be to no avail." Just because we dress plain will not get us to the portals of glory either, for we have to show that plainness by our works and a faithful heart. "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." James 2:17.

I believe it grieves God very much to go to Church each Sunday and see those who are up to standards such as the plain made garments, ten inch dress length, buttoned shirts and plain coats just on the Lord's day, only to know those same people during the week have fluffs, frills, lace, immodest dress, tee shirts, flashy pants and so forth. Surely this is not godly attire for a Christian. "Let your moderation be known to all men, the Lord is at hand." Phil. 4:5. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him." I John 2:15.

If we plan to keep a Church separate from the world, we are going to have to get on the right track and please God rather than ourselves. A good practice to follow if we are doubtful is to ask ourselves, "Would we do it if Jesus would be in our surroundings?" "Would Jesus be pleased?"

Many of us have little ones given to our care. If we go around like slops all day our little ones surely will not grow up to respect modesty as well as have it. When we grow slack in our Christian life, it leaves lots of room for Satan to get us off track and lead us to think we can do anything we want when no one is looking. Just remember God knows all things. Our little children have eyes like we do and it only takes one bad move to teach them the wrong things in life. Those wrong things take days, months and years to get straightened out and yet some never do get on the right track. How cautious we should be to always teach those things that will stay with them for years to come and those things that call for a modest-consistent life.

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:14-16. Oh, that we might do as the scripture says,"awake out of your sleep...", 1981 is now history. What have we done for the betterment and good of our future Church? Let us keep the mortar on the blocks so our Church walls do not crumble, but will by God's help stand firm till Jesus comes. The Apostle Paul exhorts us in the last chapter of Ephesians to, "... be strong in the Lord, put on the whole armour of God praying always with all prayer, and watching thereunto with all preserverance and supplication for all saints." We certainly have a duty to continually strive to do those things which please Him. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, DO

ALL to the glory of God." I Cor. 10:31.

God's Word is full of exhortations for plainness, humbleness and modesty in our Christian walk of life here on earth if we only search and read our Bibles. Read Romans 12:1-2 and Ephesians 4:22-24.

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance; But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." I Peter 1:13-16.

Sister Shirley Frick
6866 Georgetown-Verona Rd.
Lewisburg, Ohio 45338

NEWS ITEMS

PLEASANT RIDGE, OHIO

We the Pleasant Ridge Congregation, the Lord willing, will hold a two week revival, March 14 through March 28. Bro. Fred Pifer from Adel, Iowa will be our evangelist.

Come, pray and enjoy these meetings with us.

Sister Ruth Kleinhenn, Cor.

BETHEL, PENNSYLVANIA

The Lord willing, the Bethel Congregation plans to hold revival meetings March 21 to April 4 with Elder Dale Jamison, Quinter, Kansas as our evangelist.

We invite all who can come and enjoy these meetings with us.

Sister Fern Kegerreis, Cor.

QUINTER, KANSAS

The Lord willing, the Quinter Congregation plans to hold their Spring Lovefeast on Saturday, March 20, 1982 starting at 11:00 with Communion in the evening.

We desire those, who can, to come and enjoy these services with us.

Sister Judy Foster, Cor.

GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI

The Grandview Congregation is changing the date of their Spring Lovefeast from the last Saturday of April 1982 to the last Saturday of March, 1982.

Sister Bertha Jarboe, Cor.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH, 1982**DELIVER**

Memory Verse: Psalms 51:14

Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

Mon. 1 - Psalm 51:1-19

Tues. 2 - Psalm 54:1-7

Wed. 3 - Psalm 55:1-23

Thur. 4 - Psalm 56:1-13

Fri. 5 - Psalm 59:1-17

Sat. 6 - Psalm 60:1-12

Memory Verse: Psalm 56:13

For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

Sun. 7 - Psalm 69:1-36

Mon. 8 - Psalm 70:1-5

Tues. 9 - Psalm 71:1-24

Wed. 10 - Psalm 72:1-20

Thur. 11 - Psalm 74:1-23

Fri. 12 - Psalm 78:1-25

Sat. 13 - Psalm 78:26-49

Memory Verse: Psalm 72:12

For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

Sun. 14 - Psalm 78:50-72

Mon. 15 - Psalm 79:1-13

Tues. 16 - Psalm 81:1-16

Wed. 17 - Psalm 82:1-8

Thur. 18 - Psalm 86:1-17

Fri. 19 - Psalm 89:1-27

Sat. 20 - Psalm 89:28-52

Memory Verse: Psalm 79:9

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy names sake.

Sun. 21 - Psalm 91:1-16

Mon. 22 - Psalm 97:1-12

Tues. 23 - Psalm 106:1-23

Wed. 24 - Psalm 106:24-48

Thur. 25 - Psalm 107:1-22

Fri. 26 - Psalm 107:23-43

Sat. 27 - Psalm 108:1-13

Memory Verse: Psalm 86:13

For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

Sun. 28 - Psalm 109:1-31

Mon. 29 - Psalm 116:1-19

Tues. 30 - Psalm 119:129-144

Wed. 31 - Psalm 119:145-160

Memory Verses: Psalm 91:14-15

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

Psalms 97:10

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, NJ 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

MARCH 15, 1982

NO. 6

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

CHURCH CLEANING

We cleaned our little church today —
Wiped all the dust and dirt away.
We straightened papers, washed the floors;
Wiped off the lights and painted doors.

We brushed the dirt stains from the books
And whisked the cobwebs from the nooks,
We polished windows so we'd see
The newly greenening shrub and tree.

The menfolks took, raked up the yard —
They laughed and said it wasn't hard,
And, oh, it felt so very good
To have the place look as it should.

We said, "How wonderful 'twould be
If we cleaned out what we can't see —
Such things as grudges, hates, and lies,
And musty thoughts much worse than flies."

Selected by Sister Helen Sweitzer

BELSHAZZER'S SIN

In Daniel 5 we have an account of King Belshazzar's last hours. It is neither beautiful nor inspiring. It is a sad account that should warn us today. The effects of sin are clearly shown during Belshazzar's last miserable hours. We are reminded that God's law is still in effect, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

As Belshazzar and his lords wine and dined, the enemy was at the gates of the city. In a few hours the Medeo-Persian army would enter the city. The Babylonian Empire would be no more. King Belshazzar would be dead. Many today are as willingly ignorant of their doom as these revelers. Although they may revel in their debauchery and drunkenness, they can only temporarily drown the truth of their standing with God. While they may forget the dire consequences of their ungodly lives, those results are surely coming to pass. Belshazzar had a warning during his last banquet of revelry. He saw a hand writing strange but ominous words on the wall. Although he could not decipher these words, he realized that they had a serious intent. The King's astrologers, magicians, soothsayers and wisemen could not interpret the message on the wall. Finally Daniel, the venerable man of God, was brought to the King.

It is evident from Belshazzar's greeting that Daniel's exploits during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar were still known, but it is also evident that Belshazzar had not had much contact with him. Many today, have a knowledge of God, but for them it is more legend than reality. They have stayed away from the Church, the Bible and God's people, so they are not personally acquainted with them.

THE BIBLE MONITOR

MARCH 15, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

Daniel, as God's messenger, did not forget his God given task. He had a serious message to deliver. He pointed out Belshazzar's error in not taking to heart the chastisement of Nebuchadnezzar. Although Nebuchadnezzar was the mightiest ruler of his day, God brought him down to an animal's existence, when pride reigned in his heart. God had shown Nebuchadnezzar that He was the greatest. Belshazzar knew of this humiliating event but he ignored it. How often do people ignore the warnings and examples that have been given many times over. It is sad when someone fails through ignorance, but it is doubly pathetic when they fail through willful disregard. Man's sowing has reaped the same harvest since the time of Adam and Eve. Many examples are given throughout the Bible and in secular history. Yet men ignore these confirmations of God's unchanging rule concerning sowing and reaping. Belshazzar paid dearly for his disregard.

Daniel interpreted the unusual message for the king and his court. Each word was as a nail in the coffin of Babylon and Belshazzar. God had numbered the kingdom and finished it. Its history was all they had left, their present was ended and there would be no future. Belshazzar had been weighed in God's balances. He did not measure up. Both the Empire and Belshazzar had failed. Each individual has a responsibility to God. It does not matter what form of government or philosophy a man may live under, he still must worship and serve the Almighty God of Heaven. Belshazzar had not only failed as a leader of his people; he had failed personally. While Belshazzar and his court were partying the Medes and Persians were making their final assault upon the city. God used one heathen nation to punish another for failing to serve Him. There remained but a few hours until this strange, unbidden message was carried out.

While the Babylonians had been guilty of many sins, it seems that their final doom was sealed when Belshazzar presumptuously ordered the sacred vessels from the Temple to be brought to be used as vessels for their wine at their ungodly banquet. This was the last straw. God could tolerate no more. Belshazzar had gone too far. There was no recourse now. Sacred things can not be trifled with. Using the Church and God for secular advantage will bring the same condemnation as Belshazzar's. We must respect the things of God and the Church. If the members of the Church will not have the proper regard, then certainly the world will not respect these things.

Let us learn from the lesson of Belshazzar. Let us be better students than he was. Remember, God has never repealed his rule, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUTH

THE UNIQUE GODLY MARRIAGE

The crisis of the broken marriage today is real only because men and women have left the teaching of God. Fellows, you must develop a love for the person whom you will marry as Christ loved the Church. I'm happy that Jesus didn't get tired of the Church and begin taking it for granted. If He had, we would have no vehicle for salvation.

Too many young people take their marriage partner for granted today. The honeymoon is exciting and fun, full of anticipation. The guy runs around and opens the girl's car door, and carries her across the threshold. She cooks a bad meal and he tells her it is just great. All of the days are filled with beauty.

Then in a year, he is out of the car first, walking to the door ahead of her, telling her the dinner was "not too bad", and he shows a minimum of affection.

Five years later he is out of the car and grumbling his way into the house before she knows what's happening. He slams the door, grumbles about the meal, and indicates that she ought to be cooking better by now. His love has waned. She is being taken for granted. Is this how Christ loves the Church? The Church is nearly two thousand years old, and it seems like the Bride of Christ is not all that she should be. Yet He still loves it.

The day will come when the "head over heels" kind of love will end. Then it will become your responsibility to love your wife by choice. And isn't that really better than loving her because you can't seem to help it? You must ask God for a love for her that parallels His love for the Church.

Jesus loved the Church to the end... to death. He didn't bomb out and say something like, "Forget it Father, I see what is coming and I want out." He could have called 10,000 angels, but He died alone for you and me.

No matter how much you love the Lord and each other, you will not be immune to problems, adjustments, and hang ups. The difference is that you have the great Problem Solver, you have the divine Adjuster to adjust your difficulties.

During your engagement, commit yourself to Christ and to each other all the way to the end. No matter what happens, work each thing out now. Jesus loves the Church to the end.

Girls, what is the wife's role? Paul writes, "Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Saviour of the body. But as the Church is subject to Christ, so

also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything." The word "subject" should not be taken in a negative context. It means, very simply, to stand under. You are not less equal, but God has His order. As Jesus stands under His Father, you stand under your husband. Is Jesus less than God? No.

Quite literally, being "under" is a place of mental, emotional, spiritual and physical protection. You should want your husband to be the greatest spiritual person he can be. Just as God's power can only be expressed through the Church when we Christians are in submission to Him, God's power can only be expressed through your fiancé or husband when you place yourself in submission to him. You actually gain power through submission.

All of the intellectual drivel being fed to you today by the modern writers and psychologists can only lead your engagement and marriage relationship to destruction. Don't believe me? Look at the divorce rate statistics of one in two marriages ending today. Use God's standards. They work. May your life be as beautiful and fulfilling as God intends it to be. God bless you.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS

"Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of Heaven." Matt. 5:20.

Jesus talked often about the scribes and Pharisees, and their activities. The Pharisees were religious leaders, very pious, strict and precise about keeping the Law, at least, as they interpreted it. They also tried to get others to conform and looked down on those who didn't. They believed they were the only interpreters of God's Word, the only ones who could understand it. The ceremonies and traditions were strictly observed, but Jesus condemned them because their righteousness centered around their own works rather than around His. They did a lot of "going through the motions" but Jesus said their hearts were far from Him. (Matt. 15:8)

It has been said if we go through the motions, we will soon feel the corresponding emotions. That may be true, but just going through the motions won't change anyone's heart. In order to serve Christ, we need to do more than go through the motions and get stirred emotionally. Concerning the Pharisees, Jesus said, "All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do ye not after their works: for they say, and do not." Matt. 23:3. Lip service and going through the motions did nothing to change their hearts and it won't change yours either.

Doing all the right things and saying all the right things are merely going through the motions if your heart isn't in it or if you don't understand what it's all about. It is possible to just go through the motions in a wedding ceremony, a baptismal service or some other rite and not realize the seriousness of it. It is just as possible to go through the motions in a marriage relationship, in public worship or in a field of Christian service and yet not really have your heart in it. You may be able to put on a good front before mankind, but you cannot fool God.

How do we separate the true from the false, the sincere from the dishonest, the right from the wrong? First of all, we must look for the trouble where God looks — in the heart. He knows this is where the trouble starts, for "those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man." Matt. 15:18. From the Old Testament, "as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Prov. 23:7. Whether it's good or bad, it comes from within, so in order to do right, we must be right inside.

To be right, we must accept God's righteousness, for "all our righteousness are as filthy rags." Isa. 64:6. Ignorance of God's righteousness makes us hold on to our own (see Rom. 10:3) while we go through the motions of living right, but that won't accomplish anything. It is what Christ does in us and gives to us which counts. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Eph. 2:8-10. Salvation and a new heart don't just happen — they are gifts of God.

You may look in a mirror and congratulate yourself on how good you are because you don't read trash or watch it on television, don't listen to filthy talk or go to places where sin abounds. What you do or don't do may have merits, but good works alone will not satisfy God. A hermit doesn't have a television, a magazine — good or bad, in fact may know very little about what goes on in the world. He doesn't see sin either because he never goes anywhere, but none of this places him in favor with God. It takes Christ in his heart to do that.

You can go through the motions all you want to, trying to serve the Lord, but if your heart isn't right, you haven't started right and your efforts are useless. "Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity." Matt. 23:28. Going through the motions gives a good appearance, but you need a right heart relationship to God first. Jesus said to the Pharisees, "...cleanse first that which is within the cup and the platter, that the outside of them may be clean also." Matt. 23:26. Righteousness starts within, not on the outside.

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:10. When you put your heart into something, you won't be just going through the motions. The testimony you give about what Christ has done for you won't be just empty words, because your life will support what you say. What you say and what you do will reveal what is in your heart. People will soon know whether your faith is in God or in yourself.

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith." Heb. 10:22a. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbor as thyself." Luke 10:27. Are you just going through the motions or are you serving God with all your heart? Wholehearted service is what God requires. Don't try to serve Him from far away.

Sister Eileen Broadwater

HIS PEACE

"Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Philemon 3. Did it ever occur to you that these thoughts are expressed at the beginning of each of the New Testament letters to Churches and in the general Epistles from Romans to Philemon.

The early Church wrote and talked these thoughts. The Holy Spirit directed to them to be written so often and Christ promised them to His followers. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

"Grace to you," the free unmerited love and favor of God; the influence of the Spirit in renewing the heart and restraining from sin — Webster. "And peace," freedom from disturbance or agitation. Harmony, reconciliation between parties — Webster. How far am I willing to go, to establish peace in the home, in the Church, in the nation? "Blessed are the peacemakers." Do we need the blessings of God?

Man, individually and collectively, has been and claims to be seeking peace, but too often without even thinking of "the grace of God." Both go together. We cannot have real peace, individually or collectively, without relying on the source of peace, the Prince of Peace.

Notice in the text that Grace and Peace come from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Can we reasonably expect grace and even peace without recognizing, trusting in, and obeying the source of these blessings?

We look to ourselves, our own power. We will do this or that. In our human sinful nature, which is prone to err and think only of self, we never can expect that which comes only from a higher power. Oh that we might individually, collectively, and nationally take our trials to the Lord in prayer.

"Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:31-33. We are zealous in trying to solve our problems but often we go at it backwards. May we seek the will of our Heavenly Father and try to always do those things that please Him, and trust these little matters unto Him.

"But the fruit of the Spirit, is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Gal. 5:22-23. Peace is from the Spirit, as we yield to Him, not from the human mind.

Brother Howard J. Surbey
Littlestown, Pa. 17340

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

THE TWO BLIND MEN

Matt. 10:29-34

There are many things in this world which are not pleasant. Our sight is probably the last of our five senses we would wish to lose. To see is so necessary in everything we do. There are many blind people in the world: some are born blind, others have been made blind through accident or sickness. There are many helps for blind people in our time. Some have seeing-eye dogs that lead the blind and stop if there is danger. Blind people can read by feeling with their fingers on raised letters, called "braile." With all the helps the blind may have, blindness is still a hard thing to put up with.

When Jesus was here there were many blind people. They didn't have the medicines and medical knowledge then that we have now. Many babies' eyes became infected at birth and blindness resulted. Surgery for eyes was not known. The eye is very difficult to operate on but today many operations on the blind are successful and they can see again.

Jesus had been to Jericho. As He and His disciples were leaving, two blind men were sitting by the side of the road. There was usually a crowd of people following Jesus. When the blind men

heard that Jesus was coming that way they called out, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David."

Jesus heard them and called them to Him and said, "What do you want me to do unto you?" They said, "Lord that our eyes may be opened." Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes: and immediately they received sight and they followed Him.

Jesus healed the blind men's eyes in such a simple way — He touched their eyes and they received sight. These men may have been born blind or may have become blind later but Jesus made them perfectly whole. How could Jesus do a thing like this — no surgery — no medicine — they didn't have to wait for several weeks for their eyes to heal? Jesus healed them immediately! We can not understand how this could be done but Jesus did it. He was the Son of God. In the beginning He created man. Jesus knows all about how we are made and He has the power to heal any sickness. There is no limit to what Jesus can do. Jesus can do anything. There is nothing impossible with God.

Jesus told some people that could see that they were blind. He meant that they didn't understand the love of God and the sin that was in their lives. We, too, can become blind to the wonderful, amazing power of God to forgive us our sins. Just as you must do what a doctor says to receive healing, you must also obey Jesus if you expect forgiveness. Jesus has the power — He died on the old rugged cross for all men — but we must choose to live for Jesus. Then the blindness to the reality of sin can be taken away. Jesus can make you see again! Like the two blind men, you can immediately receive sight! Like the two blind men — you can follow Jesus!

Brother Rudy Cover

1981 GENERAL CONFERENCE SERMON NOTES

Continued from March 1, 1982 Issue

Second Speaker: Bro. Gordon Jamison. Truthful and Untruthful Christianity. John 15:4-6; Gal. 6:3-5.

The young members of today are not only the Church of tomorrow but the Church of today. The old and the young must work together in God's Church that it may prosper. You can't shirk responsibility today and hope that somehow tomorrow you'll fit into place.

Today I would like to bring to our minds truthful Christianity and untruthful Christianity. You might feel that there is no such thing as untruthful or deceitful Christianity. And I'm sure in God's plan

there isn't. There is no way for deceit to be in the lives of the Christian. But how many sitting here today claim to be perfect? How many have already attained the goal that Jesus Christ has set up for you? All realize there is yet enough to do and there is yet sin in your lives and there are things that must be put away. I can't look out today and see any of these things in your life and you possibly can't see them in me, but God can and that is what we are concerned about. As we look to God's Word He can point them out to us. The contrast between right and wrong; truth and error and certainly these two scriptures point out a contrast. John speaks of those who are attached to the true vine, Jesus Christ. Galatians speaks of another type of people, those who are supposedly abiding in the true vine and supposedly attached to Jesus Christ. It says they only think themselves to have something and they have nothing. That could apply to us today. We like to think we have something when we have nothing. That is what concerns me and I'm sure it concerns all of you. We must be attached to the vine in order to have anything at all. It is not just emotion; it's not simply following after whatever is established. It is having it for ourselves, within. God has a perfect plan in mind and it is up to us to follow it.

The Dunkard Brethren have a heritage that reaches way back. We can think back into the 1920s when the Church was established but that wasn't the beginning of the Church. It stretches clear back to the New Testament Church that was established by the Apostles and instituted by Jesus Christ, Himself. If our Church can't trace its history back that far then it is no longer God's Church. We know that the Church has been in the world ever since the time of Christ and it will be till the end of time. So all of us must be able to trace our heritage back to the New Testament Church. I'm sure that we can. I'm sure that our doctrines are still based on biblical principles and that is why we are here. This heritage doesn't mean a thing unless we are firmly established in Jesus Christ.

When we look into Church history we can find inconsistencies in the lives of its members from the very beginning until today. Why does this happen? Why do men claim to follow Jesus Christ but when they come before Him, He says I never knew you, depart from me? It is something to worry about when we think, "could this happen to me?" The Bible still tells us it is possible for religion to be vain. This is a terrible thing. We go through all forms and all the motions to be outwardly perfect but within are dead. I would like to bring to us that we as Dunkard Brethren, even though we have the right way, even though we have all the true precepts of the Gospel, we can yet be dead. God does not want us dead, He wants us alive.

Acts 5:1-11. How could this thing be? Ananias and Saphira were evidently a part of the Church. They had heard the message. They probably believed that Jesus Christ died and rose again to save them from their sins. They had gone through the motions. They were aware what was being carried out by the Church. They were aware of what was required yet they fell. They had to pay for their sins. They were looking for earthly credit for their devotedness. Sin does creep into the Church as it did here, but God desires and requires truth. It may creep in, but it is never God's will. It is up to us to eradicate it. I'm not one to stand here and say we can remove sin entirely from our lives, that we can make our Church completely spotless and wrinkle free for our Lord and Saviour, but we know that through Jesus Christ it can appear that way, because His blood can cover all sins, if we have the right attitude, if we go through the right channels, if our hearts are right. There may always be Ananias and Saphira type people within the Church, but that doesn't have to concern us as individuals. It is an individual matter with God. I don't know exactly what might have been in their minds but I do know that God condemned it. God said their heart was evil because they had deceived Him. They lied not to men but to God.

In I Corinthians 5:8 we read we are to follow Christ with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Pilot asked Christ, "What is truth?" We as Christians know what truth is. The scriptures say, "My word is truth." It is available, we can turn to it. Acts 10:44 tells that the Holy Ghost fell on all who heard the Word. There is a difference between hearing and listening. There were probably more men listening than received the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost probably didn't fall on every one who listened but He fell on those who heard. I hope today we are not just listening but hearing what God has to say to us. His Word is truth and if we hear it, it is going to sink into our heart and make our heart pure before Him.

Ananias and Saphira may have started out right but their lives became entangled with sin. Because of that entanglement they fell. This is one of the most sorrowful things we can think of and I'm sure we have all experienced it. When we see someone we love, someone we trusted, someone who is following God, fall. It has happened and will happen again but our concern is that it doesn't happen to you and me. Sin doesn't happen very often to us like it did Ananias, just one big gigantic sin that struck him down, rather it seems like a multitude of little sins grow into a snowball and begin rolling down the hill and soon we have an avalanche of sin that we can't control and it carries us down to destruction. These things are written for our examples.

We think about Saphira, Ananias' wife. Peter asked her a question, "Did you sell your land for so much?" She answered him, "Yea, for so much." But she didn't say for how much more. There was nothing wrong with answering truthfully, it was that there was deceit in her heart. Some people might say this was just a white lie. She really didn't tell a lie, she just didn't tell the whole truth. We might be guilty of doing this before God in our Christian lives. We think of what the scriptures say about lies. John 8:44. We can see the result of Ananias and Saphira lying. It was immediate retribution for their sins. If God dealt with us today in that manner I shudder to think what might happen. It is easy to look back on the lives of these two individuals and say surely they were great sinners, but we should be looking at our lives today and saying, "Could we be just as bad, but God in His mercy is giving us more time to reconcile our sins?"

Our nation is called "Christian America." What would happen if God dealt with every professing Christian today as He dealt with Ananias and Saphira? I believe many modern day Churches would lose a large majority of their membership right on the spot. The population of "Christian America" would certainly show. I hope and pray that the membership of the Dunkard Brethren Church wouldn't suffer any loss because God saw fit to deal with us this way. We can look into the Scriptures and see what the Church did about this matter.

It is my prayer today that great fear will fall upon us. We might say, "Fear of what?" Are we fearful of a great, angry God who could strike us dead? I believe we all are, but yet our fear is more than that. I believe our fear is that we might dishonor the Spirit of God by pretending what we are not, by pretending we are devoted, pretending we are a real Christian when we might be full of hypocrisy and unreality and that we might be living a lie within. Others might not see it but God can see it. Are we truthful before God? He is the one that demands truth. We can be full of hypocrisy and our neighbors see it, but our neighbors can't do too much about it, but God can.

Colossians 3:9 tells about untruthfulness. The Book of Revelation also tells us much about lying. Rev. 21:8, Rev. 21:27, Rev. 22:15. There isn't anyone here who loves a lie, but there are probably some here who are living somewhat of a lie and I'm sure all of us who profess to be Christ-like people might fall into that category, because we are not living up to the perfection that He Himself established while He was here on this earth. He was the only perfect individual and while we don't have the power, while in this body, to be perfect yet He does tell us we can do something about sin. He tells us He will give us power over sin.

Let's look next at ways we might lie not only to each other but to God. I hope we are most concerned today about lying to God, because that is going to get us into the most trouble. The sin of lying to each other is the result of lying to God. The biggest way we lie to God is by living a deceitful Christian life. This thing of deceit sounds terrible. It is something we don't want to be guilty of, but how many of us are? We might be regular in our Church attendance, we might come on time, we might sit on the front row, we might sing when a song is called for, we might kneel in prayer when prayer is called for, we might appear to be listening to every word that is said, but if we leave the Church service not remembering anything that we heard, if we go through this life with no regard for God's people, then certainly our Christian life would be deceitful. Your neighbor might not see it. He might say, "I saw him coming out the Church door with a smile on his face and the words of the hymn still straining forth from his lips, that man is certainly a Christian, he lives a good moral life and I can see that there is something to his life. Yet we have men in this world today who are almost able to deceive men to the point that they don't know if they are following God or not. But God knows. He can see into your heart. We have to come before Him on an individual basis and really check ourselves out with God. When we pretend to be something when we are nothing, nobody can help us because they don't know our problem. Only God can help us.

God said after you have accepted Me, after you have accepted my plan then you have to do a little helping yourself. You have to continue on in the way. We can live a lie in dealing with our children. We might ask our children to read their Bibles, we might point out to them the importance of the scriptures and of Church attendance. We might ask them to memorize verses. But how many of us have been guilty of not having time to prepare the Sunday School lesson, or to study over the Bible Study lesson or to memorize a verse. I'm afraid we have Christian people in the world today, who haven't memorized a verse since their grade school days. His Word is to be hid in our hearts. We can't require more of others than we are willing to do ourselves. If we ask our children to live for Christ and the Church and they can see hypocrisy in us, then they know it doesn't mean all to us that we are asking of them. It is up to us to make it real, it is up to us to be connected to that vine.

The nation of Israel was filled with Pharisees, who were almost perfect in the eyes of men, yet Jesus Christ called them whited sepulchres. I'm sure He surprised some of their neighbors. How many of us would find ourselves in the position of those

Pharisees? How many of us are carrying out the New Testament doctrines and yet when we would appear before Jesus Christ He would say, "Thou whited sepulchre, I never knew you because you've lived a lie."? We know what the steps are that we must take for salvation, and we know the steps we must take to retain it. We can not look just to what we will do in the future but must be doing it now. We have never done all that we could.

We often give a false impression. Like the news reports of a horse race between two horses. The winners friends reported the win of their champion and that the opponent came in last while the opponents friends reported their champion had come in second but the winner had come in next to last. There was false impressions given by these reports. Do we as Christians give false impressions.

We need to be honest with our Brethren, with the Church and most of all with God. A true Christian will not only be as he appears but will appear as he truly is.

Closing: Bro. Fred Pifer.

This has been like an examination service. So many are in a hurry not really mindful of whether they are going the right way. Many books have been written about the Word of God but we must go to the Word itself to be sure whether we are right or not. We can not be too careful in our Christian lives.

To be continued.



TITLE TO HEAVEN

A man dreamed that he stood beside the gate of Heaven, when the spirit of a rich man came and sought admittance on the ground of his wealth and fame. He was reminded that those things belong to time only, and turned away in despair. Another sought entrance on the ground of his integrity, but was repulsed by the angel, saying, "By the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified." A third pleaded his denominational zeal, but was refused with the remark, "There is no name given under Heaven, or among men, whereby we must be saved, but the name of Jesus." At length, a spirit came, crying, "The blood of Jesus cleanseth from all sin." To it the gates of Heaven flew open and the angel said, "An abundant entrance is ministered to you into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

NEWS ITEMS

PLEASANT RIDGE, OHIO

The Pleasant Ridge Congregation has decided, the Lord willing, to have our Spring Lovefeast at the close of our revival meetings, March 27. Services will begin at 11 o'clock Saturday morning with the Lovefeast Saturday evening. Also there will be services on Sunday.

Come praying and enjoy these meetings with us.

Sister Ruth Kleinhen, Cor.

NEWBERG, OREGON

The Fourth District Meeting will be April 9 through 11 with Lovefeast the evening of April 10.

Lord willing, the Newberg, Oregon congregation is planning their revival meetings from April 18 to April 25, 1982. Brother Eugene Kauffman will be our visiting evangelist. We warmly welcome all who can, to come. Let us know if you can come, by calling (503) 538-2876.

Sister Miriam Litfin, Cor.

LITITZ, PENNSYLVANIA

It was inspiring to witness four of our young Brethren ordained to do the work of the Lord.

Bro. Rudy Shaffer and Bro. Jan Heisey were installed into the ministry. Bro. Ray Stuber and Bro. James Eberly were installed into the deacons office.

May we all remember to support these Brethren with our prayers as they go forth in the Lord's work.

Correction

Lititz communion dates have been changed to the Third Sunday of May and the Third Sunday of October.

Sister Dorcas Myers, Cor.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR APRIL, 1982**DELIVER**

Memory Verse: Psa. 119:170

Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

Thur. 1 - Psa. 119:161-176

Fri. 2 - Psa. 120:1-7

Sat. 3 - Psa. 140:1-13

Memory Verse: Luke 19:37-38

And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

Sun. 4 - Luke 19:29-48

Mon. 5 - Psa. 142:1-7

Tues. 6 - Psa. 143:1-12

Wed. 7 - Psa. 144:1-15

Thur. 8 - Prov. 2:1-22

Fri. 9 - Prov. 4:1-27

Sat. 10 - Prov. 6:1-35

Memory Verse: John 20:17

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Sun. 11 - John 20:1-31

Mon. 12 - Prov. 10:1-32

Tues. 13 - Prov. 11:1-31

Wed. 14 - Prov. 12:1-28

Thur. 15 - Prov. 14:1-35

Fri. 16 - Prov. 19:1-29

Sat. 17 - Prov. 23:1-35

Memory Verse: Prov. 24:11-12

If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain:

If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

Sun. 18 - Prov. 24:1-34

Mon. 19 - Prov. 28:1-28

Tues. 20 - Ecc. 8:1-17

Wed. 21 - Ecc. 9:1-18

Thur. 22 - Isa. 5:11-30

Fri. 23 - Isa. 19:1-25

Sat. 24 - Isa. 31:1-9

Memory Verse: Isa. 19:20

And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

Sun. 25 - Isa. 36:1-22

Mon. 26 - Isa. 37:1-20

Tues. 27 - Isa. 37:21-38

Wed. 28 - Isa. 38:1-22

Thur. 29 - Isa. 42:1-25

Fri. 30 - Isa. 43:1-28

Memory Verse: Isa. 38:17

Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

Isa. 43:12-13

I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore you are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God. Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

APRIL 1, 1982

NO. 7

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

EASTER BEATITUDES

Blessed are they of the Easter faith,
For theirs is the risen Lord;
For them He lives, and to them He gives
The fountain of life restored.

Blessed are they of the Easter cheer,
For theirs is the burning heart;
For them the tomb is bereft of gloom,
They walk with their Lord apart.

Blessed are they of the Easter hope,
For theirs is the open gate;
It swings through the tomb to the other room
Where the Lord and our loved ones wait.

- Clarence M. Burkholder
Selected by Sister Wilma Eberly

EYES

God in His Creative genius gave us eyes. They are marvelous miracles that can transform light into visual images. Unfortunately some people have their vision impaired or destroyed by accident or disease.

God also has given Spiritual insight to His children, who can, at least imperfectly, understand Spiritual things. Those who reject Him are unable to grasp these things which seem as fairy tales to them. Perception can come only with the reception of the Holy Spirit. The scriptures seem as foolishness to those who do not see with the eye of faith.

The events of the first Easter were unclear to those who failed to see what was happening. It was not only the eyes of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus that were holden but also the eyes of many others. It was not only the unregenerated who failed to see properly; even those closest to the Saviour were unaware.

The Apostles, although He had begun some time before to tell them that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer, failed to comprehend. They had heard Him speak of the destruction of the temple of His body, of the comparison to Jonah's three days and nights in the belly of the great fish and of the resurrection when He raised Lazarus from the grave. They did not recognize the connection between these events and the events that were transpiring around them during those days. They were still expecting Him to establish an earthly kingdom with positions for each of them.

The women who came to minister to His body in the tomb were unable to perceive what was taking place. They were disturbed by

THE BIBLE MONITOR

APRIL 1, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

the empty tomb. Their main interest was the location of His body. They had a noble purpose in coming but that purpose was getting in the way of their perception of what was taking place. Their eyes saw an empty tomb but failed to recognize what it meant.

The officials of the Roman government were blind to what was happening. Either they tried to pacify the rebellious Jews or thought of these things as fairy tales — just debates over words and ideas. Some of the Romans had opportunities to see Jesus and to hear His message. Several soldiers came in contact with Him. They knew He was not a political revolutionary yet the blindness of their eyes prevented them from receiving His revolutionary, spiritual teachings.

The Jews who should have seen what was taking place were the ones who were the blindest of all. They had rejected the One who had come to fulfill the prophecies of their Prophets of old. The Pharisees were looking for the Messiah but since He did not come in a way consistent with their preconceived ideas, they rejected and eventually set about to kill Him. Their scriptures had spoken of Him but their ideas had interfered with accepting this One who came as a babe not a prince.

There was much blindness during those days of scheming, bribery and cruelty. None saw Him as He truly was. Some of the disciples had caught a glimpse but they were soon shaken in their faith. If the rulers had perceived the reasons behind the Jew's maneuverings they might have stopped it. Pilate seemed to sense the jealousy involved but he was a politician. Without the government's tacit approval the Ruler who was greater than their Empire could not have been executed on their cross. His followers were not sure of what was happening. Although they might make bold statements of future service, they were easily affrighted by the present situation. Blindness was rampant. It affected all except the One who gave His life. He saw clearly not only their outward activities but their inner hearts.

We look back and condemn them for their blindness. What would our part in that event have been, if we had been there? Would we have done differently? Without the advantage of being able to look back and see the outcome, would we have been as blind as they were? Without the benefit of His death and Resurrection, what could we have been but blind?

There were many excuses then for their blindness. Today those reasons are gone. There is no reason for us to be blind like them. He did die. He did resurrect. He now sits on the Father's right hand. The Holy Spirit has come to indwell the body of believers. The Bible is complete and readily available. The Church is present. All has been done that is necessary, so none need to be blind.

Spiritual blindness would not exist if all would accept the wonderful, redemptive message of the Resurrection.

Physical blindness is a hard condition to bear. Spiritual blindness may not seem so harsh, but its results are eternal and terrible. It is far worse than physical blindness. If you are spiritually blind, now is the time to be cured.

"HE IS RISEN"

We have as our subject one of the most important expressions in the Bible. "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept... For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." I Cor. 15:17-22. If we are faithful followers of Christ, we can look forward toward a similar, glorious resurrection.

"Therefore when they were gathered together Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him." Matt. 27:17-18. Christ had greater power to work miracles and was gathering more followers and receiving more attention, than the chief priests and leaders of the Jews. As a result the people were stirred up and by means of a hasty, illegal trial, Christ was condemned and crucified by a Government which was eager to gain the support and favor of the leaders of a newly conquered nation.

Through the concern of a number of His followers, He was buried according to the custom of that day. The chief priests and Pharisees had a meeting to consider the success of their plan to destroy Christ and His influence. They remembered that He had said, "After three days I will rise again", and feared lest His disciples would steal His body and say that He had risen. Which would have caused the people to have still more faith in the supernatural power of Christ. So they made arrangements that the stone covering the entrance to His tomb was sealed with the Government seal and guarded by Roman soldiers.

What happened? "And behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightening, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men." Matt. 28:2-4. Pilate had granted permission to make the tomb "As sure as you can." This certainly would have prevented the disciples from

stealing Christ's body, but it meant nothing to the power from Heaven. The soldiers were so helpless and so frightened that they hurried to the chief priests to tell them what had happened. They confessed their weakness because the death penalty awaited them if the seal of the tomb was broken.

A hurried council assembled and decided to give them much money if they would tell no one what had happened but to say that, "We slept and the disciples stole His body." What about the government, if they hear that we claim that we were asleep? Again money to cover up evil, as they bribed the authorities.

What effect did it have on the followers of Christ? First they did not know that Christ was to be resurrected, actually did not believe nor understand it. They still believed what they had been taught years before, "But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel", (Luke 24:21) by taking control of the earthly government and setting up an earthly kingdom.

They wondered and were discouraged, but as they began to understand it, they were very joyful and were very anxious to tell of the unnatural events. When they fully understood, by the power of the Holy Spirit, they were bold and powerful in convincing men of the power of God. They were zealous in the fact that Christ had died and rose again to save sinners and build a kingdom for God.

Even though they had been with Jesus and had heard His words, they believed what they could see and understand from natural laws by human reasoning. How about us today who have the history of God's dealings with His people for almost 6000 years, as an example, the blessings of Almighty God to encourage us, and the progress of communication and education, that we might understand God's Word?

Sorry to say, human understanding is still very weak, quickly grasping what we can see, what we can reason out by our understanding and what others believe and do. We are not willing to take God at His Word and have faith that, what He tells us is an eternal fact, and that what He commands must be carried out in our lives.

Brother Howard J. Surbey
Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340

TELL PETER

"Go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you."

The women had come to the tomb of Jesus very early on the first day of the week. They came expecting to find His body there, with the intention of completing the burial preparations. They

were not looking for a risen Savior, and finding an angel in the tomb instead of His body disturbed them greatly. The angel's message to them didn't quell their fear for these women left more quickly than they had come. They didn't understand what had happened and were filled with mixed emotions, everything from fear to joy.

Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene and when she told the others who were mourning for Him, they couldn't believe He was alive. He appeared to the two on the way to Emmaus, but no one believed these two either. Later, when the disciples were together eating, Jesus appeared to them and reproved them because they hadn't believed the testimony of those who had seen Him. He knew how confused they were and took time to show them He was real and help them understand what had happened. The fact of Jesus' resurrection needed to be firmly implanted in their hearts.

When Jesus first appeared to the group, they were terrified, then overwhelmed by a mixture of doubt and joy. This is so much like us. We want to believe God and yet we don't. We are afraid because we don't understand and the testimony of others who've seen what Jesus can do fails to penetrate our doubts and hopelessness. All the disciples and the women experienced doubt, some more so than others. Only John believed immediately after he entered the empty tomb. Thomas said he wouldn't believe unless he could touch Jesus. Somewhere between the two, we find Peter.

Peter had openly denied Jesus, just the opposite of what he thought he would do. The words of Jesus came true that Peter would deny Him three times. When our Lord turned and looked at Peter, the realization of what he had done grieved him greatly. Luke 22:62 says Peter went out and wept bitterly. We can only speculate about Peter's thoughts and anguish for the next few days, but it is certain that he had a special need now. The other disciples had fled, but Peter, though present, denied his Lord. He who was so sure of himself earlier was now a very defeated and shamed man.

Peter needed to know Jesus still loved him and that he was forgiven, a need we all have when we have failed so completely to please God. He had denied Jesus in a moment of weakness and probably could not forgive himself. We do not know what torture of mind and soul Peter endured, but the Lord knew his need. Even before Peter personally saw Jesus, it surely must have been a comfort to hear the message, "tell Peter", but it took a special meeting with Jesus to restore the fellowship Peter longed for.

His testimony to the other disciples no doubt was a very enthusiastic one, in contrast to his previous denial and shame.

Sometimes you may tell someone about Jesus with much enthusiasm, but that doesn't mean your testimony will be believed. In fact, it may seem as an idle tale just as the first news of Christ's resurrection seemed to His followers, the very ones for whom it should have been easiest to believe. Faith doesn't always come immediately, but don't let that keep you from telling about Christ.

Sometimes the closer we are to the truth, the harder it is to see it, but when the desire to believe is there, the Lord will help us. The key to understanding and believing is this verse. "Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scripture." Until the Lord opens up the understanding, no one can grasp the meaning of the next verse. "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day." Faith in Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection makes personal salvation possible. Both salvation and our faith are gifts of God, not something we achieve.

There are times when we will find ourselves ashamed and embarrassed because we've doubted as Peter and the other disciples did. The two who went to Emmaus said, "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" When we begin to see the truth and how God cares for us even in little ways, it does make us ashamed for not trusting Him as we should.

"The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon." Peter did see Jesus and he was greatly strengthened. Knowing Jesus is alive and that He cares for each one of His own should strengthen us, and encourage us to keep looking for the time when He will appear to us also. The message to Peter is the same to us, that Jesus is risen — will you believe it?

Sister Eileen Broadwater

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"PHASE THREE OF THE BUILDING PROJECT"

In building up our Church, we must be careful that we do not judge others. Judgment must be full of "goodness." A complete knowledge of the problem and God's Word about it is necessary. If we must make an admonishment of another Christian, it must be done with a deep concern for that person and with a pure motive.

Also important in building up the Church is greeting one another with an HOLY KISS. (Read Romans 16:16; I Cor. 16:20; II Cor. 13:12; I Thess. 5:26; I Peter 5:14)

This kiss is an holy one... a sanctified one... an expression of true Christian love. It demonstrates that we are truly Brothers and Sisters in Christ. It goes far beyond being a social gesture. It is

not empty, like an "how are you?"

But remember, you can't greet others sincerely if you do not REALLY CARE about them or if there is something between you and another Christian. You need to correct problems before this expression is given.

If you have difficulty expressing sincere affection and love for other Christians, your problem might be rooted in one of two sources. Either you are a self-centered person or possibly you feel inferior. The Holy Kiss is physical contact with another person. IT IS TOUCHING, spiritually.

We need to serve one another more. (Galatians 5:13) It is through service that we gain a real freedom in Christ. It shows freedom from our old nature. It is SELF that keeps us from serving each other. Too many times we are literally in bondage to self.

We need to bear one another's burdens. (Gal. 6:2) If we are harsh, bitter or insensitive, it threatens the unity of God's people. Being kind, gentle, compassionate and patient will create the sense of concern that we must have.

Along with this goes tolerance. Each of us are different in our characteristics, personalities and physical makeup. Let us work at trying to understand and appreciate each other for what God has created in us. How easy it is to expect more from other Christians than we even expect from ourselves! It is very sad when Christians carry grudges for years. How miserable and tragic! How out of character for a follower of Jesus Christ. How can we hold a grudge against a fellow believer when Christ has cancelled our own debt of sin? DO NOT BASE YOUR FORGIVENESS ON CONDITIONS. Base it on the WORD OF GOD.

We need to be more submissive. (Eph. 5:21). This means we must yield, respect and honor others... out of obedience of Jesus. As young people, you are to be submissive to those older in the faith. This is the Christ-like approach.

Finally, as our BUILDING project is completed, we must encourage each other. (I Thess. 5:11). Because each one of us is a part of the Family of God, we must each help one another by reassuring fellow Christians about our ultimate goal... to spend eternity with Jesus Christ.

Each one of us contributes something to the success of the Body of Christ. It is a corporate effort by each of us. Although our obligations may be different, each one plays an important part in the function of the complete Body. Let's not allow Satan to destroy the Church. Let's keep it strong by BUILDING EACH OTHER UP.

God bless you.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

CLIMBING A TREE TO SEE JESUS

Luke 19:2-10

Do you like to climb trees? I did when I was a boy. If my children took some of the risks climbing trees that I did, I would forbid it. Nevertheless I did survive without an accident: the Lord only knows how!

Jesus was coming! Zaccheus was a rich man and was chief over the tax collectors. Tax collectors were despised at that time. People didn't like to pay taxes then anymore than they do now. Israel was ruled by the Romans and the Jews didn't like it a bit. For one of their own nation to be a tax collector for Rome was about the worst occupation a man could have. There were some tax collectors who were not honest and charged more than Rome demanded, keeping some of the tax money for themselves. Zaccheus was an honest and a sincere man and he wanted to see Jesus.

When Zaccheus heard that Jesus was coming, he went out to the road as fast as he could. There was a large crowd gathered and Zaccheus was so short he couldn't see a thing. There was a sycamore tree close by. Jesus had been healing people of any sickness, causing the blind to see and the deaf to hear. He could do anything! People followed Him wherever He went. There was no one who could do the things Jesus was doing!

At last Jesus came by and Zaccheus saw Him. When Jesus came to the sycamore tree, what do you think He did? Jesus looked up and saw Zaccheus and said, "Zaccheus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house."

Zaccheus was surprised to think Jesus would come to see him. He climbed down from the tree and received Jesus joyfully. When the people saw what Jesus had done they murmured and said that Jesus was gone to be a guest with a man that is a sinner. I think Zaccheus was a better man than they realized because he said, "Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him four fold."

And Jesus said, "This day is salvation come to this house, for as much as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost."

Zaccheus was, no doubt, a good man even if he was a tax collector. Others thought he was a sinner but Jesus knew Zaccheus just like He knows you and me. Even though Zaccheus

was a good man, he needed Jesus. Unless Jesus comes to your house you cannot have salvation. It is necessary to do good to others — be honest and upright — but this will not save you. You must receive Jesus into your life. "There is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved." And Jesus said, "No man can come unto the Father except by me."

Zaccheus climbed up a tree to see Jesus. Maybe we need to do some climbing too — up from the sin that surrounds us so that we can behold Jesus — then He will come and abide with us!

Brother Rudy Cover

SALVATION AND WITNESS

In I Samuel 16:7 we read, "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; for the LORD seeth not as man seeth: for man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart."

This verse has been used to condone everything from taking part in things of the world to dressing like the world. Of course when it is quoted only the very last part is used! These individuals are doing as Peter tells us in II Peter 3:16, "As also in all his (Paul's) epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to understand, which they that are unlearned and unstable WREST, AS THEY DO ALSO THE OTHER SCRIPTURES, UNTO THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION."

The setting of I Samuel 16:7 is God has rejected Saul as king because of his disobedience. The prophet Samuel has been instructed to anoint a new individual as king. He is sent to choose from one of the sons of Jesse the Bethlehemite. The first son to appear before Samuel was Eliab, (probably the oldest). Samuel thought for sure this was God's choice but God spoke the above words to Samuel.

In the first place God was not speaking of Eliab's actions or his manner of dress. He was speaking of his physical build. However, we believe we CAN glean some spiritual truth from the words, "for man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart" without wresting scripture.

We believe it is of the utmost importance to realize that no matter what we do (or do not do) if God has not cleansed our heart from all sin we are still lost and doomed to eternity in Hell. All of us either have experienced or need to experience a major "heart transplant" performed by the greatest of physicians, Jesus Christ! We believe this is brought about by a three fold conversion experience. First God the Father calls us and brings conviction

upon our hearts through the Holy Spirit. We then respond to His call by repenting of our sin. This includes everyone for Romans 3:23 tells us "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." According to the teachings of Jesus Christ this is followed by baptism. Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." This covers the "but the Lord looketh on the heart" part of the verse but we see a need to think about the "for man looketh on the outward appearance" part of the verse.

In Matthew 5:16 we read, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." We feel a need to distinguish the difference between salvation and witness. We feel salvation is a very personal thing and in the final analysis it will be between each individual and God. We believe this is what Jesus was referring to in Matthew 7:1 "Judge not, that ye be not judged." However, we do not see this as an excuse for not warning a brother or sister of unscriptural practices we may see in their lives which we feel may keep them out of Heaven. For we are instructed in II Timothy 4:2 to "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

We would now like to look at some specific things we are told to do in order to witness. (Some of these things may also determine our final destiny.) In I Thessalonians 5:22 we are instructed to "Abstain from all appearance of evil." This covers a wide range of things. ANYTHING that we do that may cause a brother to stumble or give us a bad testimony to the unsaved should be avoided. Romans 12:2 tells us "And be not conformed to this world:..." In II Corinthians 6:17 we are instructed "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." Many will say these verses have nothing to do with the way we dress. We disagree but this is not all the Bible has to say on THAT subject! In I Timothy 2:9 we read, "In like manner also, (meaning this includes men also according to verse 8), that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided (this does not say braided as some say) hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." In I Corinthians 11 we are told that a man should have short hair and a woman long hair. Also that a woman should have her hair covered. Many argue that these are only traditions for those living in the day of Paul. But the Bible was written for Christians OF ALL AGES. Others would argue "what is modesty" or "how long is long and how short is short?" But this is just carnal arguments to escape the truth of God's word. Very few of today's worldly styles

would come under the category of "shamefacedness and sobriety"!

There is much more we could say on this subject but this article is about long enough. We would like to close with a thought which came to us awhile back. It seems like many individuals like to INTERPRET the Bible but few want to OBEY it. May we allow Jesus Christ to be Lord of our hearts and lives.

Brother James M. Hite
816 E. Birch St.
Palmyra, Pa. 17078

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

As another year has come to a close can we say we have grown Spiritually? Our minds are made to wonder as we look around us and stop and listen! What has happened to "The Fear of the Lord"?

Another year has passed since we stood beside the casket of our beloved companion. The feeling and vision the Lord revealed to me is one never to be forgotten. It was at that very moment I could see him being taken away to glory. As we often say, "He is just away, but never to speak again." At that time the Lord made a new person out of me. He entrusted within me the desire of striving to do all I possibly can for the Lord, so I may someday meet him again in Heaven.

I feel this fear of the Lord is not being taught by fathers and mothers of today. It is revealing itself time and time again. I thank God so often for a God fearing mother in our home. I only hope I can possess part of her meek and quiet spirit. I hope my prayers someday will mean as much to my children as my mother's prayers mean to me.

Do we have the ability to say, "no" to our children when they want to buy something or go places not pleasing to our Heavenly Father. Or do we say, "Well if others do it I guess it won't hurt you." Where are our children going to spend their eternity? Are we helping them to make the right decisions?

The experience of death I feel is the only thing that can make us realize the seriousness and sacredness of reaching Heaven. When God calls a companion away, He takes the one you always confided in and talked to about your problems. You don't want to tell your problems to your children. But as you go to your secret closet and talk to God and ask for Divine guidance He reveals all the answers. It takes a crucifying of the flesh and a submissive heart that he wants us to have.

How negligent we feel we have been as we look back over the years. We feel God is a jealous God and unless we give Him our all, He will see fit to do as he sees best in our lives. He knows what we need, if it be sorrow, sickness, or other to make a true saint of God out of our lives. I trust the Lord will give me the fear of the Lord so I may continue to teach and guide my children to grow to be an asset to the Church.

The fear of the Lord is a feeling of doing something not pleasing to God, then having a conscience that bothers until something is done about it. It is a feeling that will keep you dressing like a Christian on a Sunday morning but then Monday morning put on the fashions and styles of the world. If this doesn't give you a feeling of guilt, I pray God might put upon your heart to do different.

It's a feeling we're going to take time and ask ourselves should I be where I am if Christ would come this very moment. Do we have any Daniels today? Let's stand for what is right even if we must stand alone. The Lord is always with you.

I also believe the fear of the Lord is going to give us a feeling of guilt when we find ourselves calling our children, "KIDS." Our children are a heritage of the Lord. How can we lower God's creation to call our children after an animal. Something that bothers me is we positively don't want our children to have any part of evolution, but we will lower our morals by calling children, "kids." I thank God for a Christian School we can send our children to. But let us not overlook the small things in life that make up a happy Christian home. Instead of yelling at our children and telling them to shut-up it sounds much better to say, "be quiet."

There is a challenge in these things and I feel if we put these on our list of new goals for the year many of the smaller problems would never exist. Patience is a great virtue but must be attained unto through prayer and faith. I can say the Lord has many times tried my patience. I confess it takes an effort but it will not be in vain.

I am also convinced if the fear of the Lord rests upon our bosom we're not going to be so quick to meet the preacher at the back door to tell him his sermon was out of order. I feel we're going to go home and accept the message and thank God we have preachers who have the fear of the Lord. For if we ask the Spirit to lead our ministers and then condemn them when God reveals it to them, BEWARE.

Prayer is the access to attain the fear of the Lord, if we first get rid of our own selfish ideas.

May we stop and ponder the realities of Heaven. We speak and act sometimes like it is so easy to make it there. I truly don't feel that way. It's going to take a daily sacrifice and submissive heart to hear those words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of the Lord.

A mother has a greater responsibility than a man I feel, in teaching our children Christian morals and holding high the standards of the Church. Let us not neglect our duty, to root out other avenues which would lead us to eternal destruction.

If by choice God chooses any mother to walk the road of a widow we know your life will be completely changed. It can be a wonderful experience if we accept and submit our lives to the Will of God.

We do become upset many times over conditions within the Church. But we are not so easily given over to giving up. I know what God can do and will do if we do our part. I trust the Church might remain pure. It is a part of my life. If I couldn't go to Church I would be very depressed many times.

I feel the young married couples are to be encouraged for the stand they are taking. Sometimes it seems to be the older ones who want to bring in the new ideas. We ask God to bless and guide you as you journey this life together. Let us build up and encourage each other and strive for a humble attitude. May we attain unto that broken and contrite spirit so we may draw others to Christ and the Church may grow.

Let us remember "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." What greater wisdom can we have than to meet God in peace?

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to all who remember us with cards, gifts and most of all the prayers offered on behalf of our small family. May you continue to remember the widows of the brotherhood. We realize it takes a special effort to send cards and trust God will greatly reward each one. May we strive harder each day to do God's will so we may all see the bliss of Heaven, is our prayer.

In Christian Love,
Sister Wanda Hearn
R. 2, Bernville, Pa. 19506



On that first Easter Day life and death faced each other in mortal combat. And life won.

NEWS ITEMS**NOTICE**

To the Secretaries of the various boards, and the Writing Clerks of the Districts: Please send your reports and queries to me at the earliest possible moment, so they may be included in the Business for General Conference.

Writing Clerk,
Brother William Carpenter
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA

The Dallas Center Congregation invites all to come worship with us during our Lovefeast services April 10-11, with the Third District Meeting on the 12th. If you cannot come in person, remember us in prayer.

Sister Mary Ellen Chupp, Cor.

McCLAVE, COLORADO

The Lord willing, the McClave, Colorado Congregation plans to hold their Spring Lovefeast May 1 and 2, 1982. Services will start at eleven o'clock, Saturday morning, May 1. Lovefeast at 7:30 p.m.

All who can, please come enjoy these services with us. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." I Cor. 11:26.

Sister Aurelia Wertz, Cor.

WAYNESBORO, PENNSYLVANIA

The Lord willing, the Waynesboro Congregation is planning an all day service Sunday, May 2, with Lovefeast in the evening. Come and enjoy these services with us.

Sister Wilma Eberly, Cor.

THANKS

We wish to thank all the Brethren and Sisters who sent us cards and gifts for our anniversary. May God richly bless each one of you.

Brother and Sister Clifton Sweitzer

THANK YOU

To all those who sent the wonderful cards and flowers, to those who called and especially to all who prayed for me during my stay in the hospital and since my return home. Thank you and God bless you.

Brother William Carpenter

DIRECTORY OF BOARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dale E. Jamison, Chairman
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Ray R. Reed, Secretary
Box 12, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Joseph E. Flora, Chairman
R. 3 Box 12, Adel, Iowa 50003

Hayes Reed, Secretary
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

William Carpenter, Treasurer
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Harley Rush
R. 1, Converse, Indiana 46919

Galen Litfin
1314 East 7th St.
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Dale Jamison
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Jacob C. Ness
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

Frank Shaffer
13062 Grant Shook Rd.
Greencastle, PA 17225

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Howard J. Surbey, Chairman
749 W. King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340

Jacob C. Ness, Secretary
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

H. Edward Johnson, Treasurer
5-1307-S.H. 108
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Dean St. John
1040 Hillsdale Road, R. 1
Camden, Michigan 49232

Warren C. Smith
McClave, Colorado 81057

BIBLE STUDY BOARD

William Carpenter, Chairman
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Eugene Kauffman, Secretary
R. 6, Box 51
Harrisburg, Virginia 22801

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

Rudolph Cover
2034 Roble Ave.
Modesto, CA 95351

Dennis St. John
Rt. 1
Bryan, Ohio 43506

RELIEF BOARD

Boyd Wyatt, Chairman
4925 Tegner Rd.
Hughson, CA 95326
209-883-4138

Newton Jamison, Secretary
512 Garfield
Quinter, Kansas 67752
913-754-3433

Kyle Reed, Treasurer
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
515-677-2467

Virgil Leatherman
419 N. Queen St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-5753

Robert Carpenter
R. 5, Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

TORREON NAVAJO MISSION

David Skiles, Superintendent
R. 2 Box 8
Cuba, New Mexico 87013

Hayes Reed, Chairman
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

Kyle Reed, Secretary
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167

Newton Jamison, Treasurer
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Harley Flory
R. 4, Defiance, Ohio 43512

All contributions to the various Boards should be made out to the Treasury, but sent to the Secretary for his records.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

APRIL 15, 1982

NO. 8

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

GOD HOLDS THE FUTURE IN HIS HANDS

Dread not the things that are ahead,
The burdens great, the sinking sands,
The thorns that o'er the path are spread,
God holds that future in His hands.

We know not what tomorrow hides,
Of sun or storm, of good or ill;
We only know His dear hand guides
And He will be our Father still.

His hand created earth and sky,
The zephyrs and the storms that rage,
And years to come and years gone by
To Him are but an open page.

Live close to Him and trust His love,
Assured that while on earth we roam,
Whate'er may come, He bends above,
To guide His children safely home.

God holds the future in His hands,
And ev'ry heart He understands:
On Him depend: He is your Friend;
He holds the future in His hands.

— James D. Vaughan
Selected by Sister Ruthanna Sauerwein

FROM THE CARPENTER'S SHOP

The Pharisees were so involved with their jots, tittles, cummin, mint and anise that they did not have the time, talent or inclination to teach the common people. Their reasoning was often contrived and tortuous so their lessons could not be comprehended. No teaching is ever accomplished until someone learns. The common people did not learn for their teachers could not present lessons that could be understood by these shepherds, farmers and carpenters.

The common people heard Jesus gladly. He illustrated His lessons with parables from every day life. He spoke of things and situations that these people knew and understood. He used these simple, every day happenings to show them Spiritual truths. He could communicate with them because He was with them daily. He had been raised in Joseph's home and had worked in his carpenter's shop. He had worked with His hands like the common people. He had heard the neighbors at Nazareth talk about their crops, flocks and vineyards.

From His experience in the carpenter's shop, Jesus spoke of the sawdust and the beam. Jesus, in the carpenter's shop, undoubtedly many times felt sawdust in His eye. He knew how something so small could be so irritating. Sawdust is not always obvious, except for a puff of wind it might never have gotten in the eye. A beam, on the other hand, is very obvious. Jesus did not speak of the mote and the beam just to discuss carpentry. He used this illustration to teach a spiritual lesson.

People can be easily irritated by very small things. When

THE BIBLE MONITOR

APRIL 15, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

irritated, they may express judgment upon the one who displeases them. Often while judging and condemning others they are willingly unaware of even more serious deficiencies within themselves. While they condemn others they continue in habits and sins that often times are worse than what the other does. While the sawdust is irritating, the beam is destructive. It is so easy to see another's failure or oddity yet it is so hard to see the same or worse failure within ourselves. We are better at looking through the harsh eye of judgment than at looking into the self revealing mirror of truth — the Bible.

In the carpenter's shop, Jesus learned the importance of accurate measurements. If small mistakes were made in measurements when the wood was cut the whole project could be ruined. Jesus used this in speaking of measuring to the common people. He said that we must be accurate in our measuring of others. How we measure will affect how we are measured. If a building project is affected by our measurements then surely measurements must be accurate in Spiritual things. Jesus not only learned in the carpenter shop about measuring the lumber He also learned the importance of accuracy in business dealings. The way we deal with others will determine how we are dealt with. If we judge another harshly we will be judged harshly. Even in the Lord's Prayer we pray for forgiveness based upon the way we forgive. The lesson can be learned anywhere, not only in the carpenter's shop.

The lessons He learned in the carpenter's shop were not the lessons the Pharisees were interested in. They despised the common people and thought them undeserving of their superior intellectual knowledge. Even the disciples, at times, considered themselves above these common people. They were determined to send the parents with their children away. When Jesus gave the parable of the sower, He told the disciples, it was necessary for Him to speak in Parables so the people might understand. Yet, the disciples themselves requested Him to expound this parable to them. So they were not as far advanced as they may have thought. We must never consider ourselves, though we are set free by the truth, to be more than common people. It was not the leaders who recognized and followed Jesus, it was the fishermen and tax gatherers. His wisdom seemed as foolishness to the world's wise but to us it is the truth and wisdom and necessary for our souls' salvation.

Jesus learned many lessons in the carpenter's shop. He shared these lessons that the people, not only of His day, but of ours, as well, could learn through simple things of Spiritual truths. Have you listened to the wisdom from the carpenter's shop?

I AM THE DOOR

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

Jesus is often spoken of as the good Shepherd, the One who truly cares for His sheep. He is not like someone hired for the job who is mainly concerned about his wages and isn't much concerned for the sheep. A hired shepherd doesn't own the sheep, hence is not as interested in their welfare as the owner. Jesus is both the owner and the shepherd of His sheep — those who've committed their lives to Him.

Sheep need a shepherd. They are nearsighted and defenseless, about as helpless as an animal can be. Their protection is to stay near the shepherd who watches over them. He may watch over them out in the open while they feed or in the fold at night, but wherever they are, he has their best interest at heart. We are helpless against Satan's attacks and we need Christ's protection. Our welfare is His main concern and He will see to it that we are well-cared for, if we stay close to Him.

Jesus spoke of Himself also as the door, meaning the door to His fold. The fold was the place where sheep were kept at night, a place of protection but also to keep them from wandering away. Thorns and briars were placed on the walls to keep thieves out and a keeper watched the door, the proper place to go in. He opened the door only to the shepherds who had sheep within. Jesus protects us and keeps us from wandering away from His fold, but first we must enter in.

There were two kinds of sheepfolds constructed. The first was at a village, a tall structure where everyone put their sheep at night. When each shepherd came in the morning, he called out his own flock and they followed him because they recognized his voice. The other type was constructed in the open fields and used when flocks were pastured too far from the villages to return at night. This fold didn't have a gate or door, so the shepherd served as the door by lying across the opening at night. He not only kept the sheep in, but anything intent on harming the sheep had to pass over him.

Jesus is the Door, the way wherein we enter into His fold. He is our protection and Satan can't harm our souls as long as we stay close to Jesus. It is the sheep's business to recognize the voice of the shepherd and to follow him. They can depend on him for food, water and protection if they follow him, but it will be another story if they leave the shepherd's care. It is our business to recognize

and follow our shepherd, Jesus, and it will be a sad story if we turn aside and go our own way.

Because they are nearsighted, sheep can't see danger until it's too late. If a sheep falls over a cliff and is saved by the bushes or a ledge from death on the rocks below, he can't be rescued until he quits struggling. Because of his panic, he would jump to his death when freed. Only after he gives up can he be lifted to safety. That is just like us. A drowning person hinders rescue attempts until he or she gives up and quits struggling, and we cannot be helped by Jesus until we give up and stop trying to do things our own way.

Sheep can be led, but not driven. They have a strong flocking instinct and need, in fact demand, the company of other sheep. They thrive in a peaceful atmosphere of quiet waters and green pastures, and do not like confusion. People also need peace — in their hearts, between themselves and others. People need other people to fellowship with, to share with, and to love. And they can be led but not driven. In all these things, Jesus as our good shepherd, knows just how to supply all our needs, individually and collectively.

Sheep, like people, do not always do what they're supposed to. A lamb who continually strayed and couldn't be taught to stay with the flock received rather harsh treatment. The shepherd would break one of his legs, then splint it so it would heal properly. During the healing process, the lamb was entirely dependent on the shepherd's care. When the lamb got tired, the shepherd carried it around his neck and so on. After the healing, the lamb never strayed again but stayed as close to the shepherd as possible. Has Jesus ever broken you so you wouldn't stray away again?

As you read these thoughts about sheep, you can see why Jesus called His followers, "sheep." Sheep are dependent on their shepherd and we are dependent on Jesus. Sheep need a fold or place of refuge and so do we. A fold has a door or opening where the sheep go in and out. Jesus is our door, the only way to get into His fold. Through Him, we receive salvation and eternal life. Not only does He give us new life when He saves us, but He is our shepherd and caretaker, preserving in us the life He has given us.

Please, read John 10 and Psalm 23 and remember — Jesus knows His sheep; do you know Him as Shepherd?

Sister Eileen Broadwater



God provides food for every bird, but he does not throw it into the nest.

WORTH ALL IT COSTS

After you've turned
From the ways of the world,
And cease to be one of the lost,
You'll find that your friends
Will laugh at you now
But, oh, it's worth all it costs.

Your castle will tumble,
Your riches will fade,
And worldly dreams be tossed
But when you stop
And think just a bit,
You'll see that it's worth all it costs.

You'll lose your friends,
And your loved ones will doubt,
And it seems like an awful loss,
But, you know that you've taken
The step that counts,
And you know, it's worth all it costs.

When life is over,
And Jesus calls you,
To come and kneel at the cross,
You'll know as you've known
From the very first,
That it's certainly worth all it costs.

— Donald G. Lee

Selected by Sister Blanche Eberly

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"Rock Music"

In Colossians 3:16, we read, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

The music that constantly bombards us from the air waves today is basically unchristian. It lures us from our "first principles," washes our minds with trash, and will be rejected out of hand when our lives are truly led by the Holy Spirit. Today, we must choose between good music, that which uplifts and builds, or the bad music, which debases and destroys.

It is important to understand how Satan is using popular music as one of his greatest tools of evangelism today. The Pavlov experiments with animals and humans showed that our muscles, glands and skin areas are conditionable. How does rock music affect us? Let's take a look! The basic tempo of rock is the same as the pulse rate, about eighty-two beats per minute. When sound stimuli are presented at the same rate as the average pulse rate, they MAKE the suggestion given as the lyrics penetrate our minds. This has caused a significant increase in mental instability in young people. Your mind can easily be controlled in such a way.

If someone attempted to molest you physically, you would repel such a perversion. But we confront the attempts in so-called music today, that is a cunning conspiracy against us, with apathy or disbelief.

In my research on "rock" over the past six years, I have concluded that this type of music adds severe emotional strain at an age already overtaxed by many disruptive forces. The United States and England have been dominated by rock and roll more than any other nations in the civilized world and they have the highest juvenile delinquency rate of any nations in the world. The Communists found that when they outlawed rock music in the early sixties, they reduced their juvenile delinquency by over 30% in three years. Venereal diseases are at an all time high, illegitimate births have increased over 60% in the past fifteen years and suicide is up 50%.

How is emotional tension increased with "rock?" With a broken meter in the treble, played over an insistent regular beat in the left hand with gradually increasing rapidity almost to the point of frenzy, it is capable of producing the identical disintegrating and hysterical effect on a person as if you would try to rush madly in two directions at the same time. To maintain a sense of well being and completeness, it is absolutely essential that you are not subjected to rhythms that are not in accord with your natural bodily rhythms.

According to my studies, hard rock music is not conducive to digestion, not appropriate for driving in heavy traffic and is very dangerous in cases of hypertension. It is frighteningly dangerous in the spheres of moral and spiritual growth.

Present day rock groups are having a holiday in ridiculing religion and morality while at the same time glorifying drugs, sexual promiscuity and social revolution. They do this by claiming their validity under the guise of "art." Technically, the low frequency vibrations of the bass guitar, coupled with the driving beat of the drum, have a direct effect on the cerebro-spinal fluid. The fluid in turn affects the pituitary gland which directs the secretion of

hormones, resulting in an abnormal balance of primarily the sex and adrenalin hormones. Instead of their normal regulatory function in the body, these secreted under such conditions cause radical changes in the blood sugar and calcium of the body. Since the brain is nourished exclusively by blood sugar, it ceases to function properly, causing moral inhibitions to drop to a dangerous low or be wiped out completely.

Young people, I challenge you to stand firm against the increasing perversion of music, art, and literature. Worship God with your music.

To be continued
Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

SERMON GEMS

In going through my father's (the late Elder Z. L. Mellott) papers I found a number of his sermon outlines that contained many gems for Christian thought that I would like to share with the readers in memory of him and his labours for the Lord.

1. No one lives without sin, but we must not live in sin.
2. The body of sin must be destroyed in order to be sanctified. The axe must be laid to every root of sin.
3. Freedom from righteousness is slavery.
4. Sin may reign in human bodies, home, nation and our world, but it must not reign or rule in us as Christ's children and heirs according to the promise.
5. The more we yield our members to righteousness the more we want to serve God.
6. Now being baptized, we profess to be dead to sin, and we are under obligation. Shall we return to bondage again, as Israel in Egypt — the sow to her wallowing in the mire or the dog to his vomit?
8. Sin will vex our souls, but shall not have dominion. God will give a way of escape with the temptation.
9. As Christ rose by the glory of the Father, so we are raised through the glory of Christ, to live with Him.

Gems on Life and Time.

1. The thread of life is so brittle still we live on. It is marvelous how a harp of a thousand strings should keep in tune so long. We may have been at death's door, but God's mercy has spared our lives.
2. We are alive under increasing responsibilities. Many

privileges and blessings have been given to us. Have we been thanking God for these blessings? Have we studied His Word? Have we attended His worship as we should? Have we done unto others as we would have others do unto us? Have we shown patience toward God and each other? Just being alive should fill us with hearty gratitude, and our hearts, lips and lives should give forth praise to God.

3. Each year is a mile stone closer to death. In these days of hustle and rush we are apt to forget that God has placed us here and has given us power and control over all other living creatures and He expects us to give Him glory and praise.

Other Gems.

The Lord would have us remember the persecution of the early Christian Church. They were afflicted, their goods were spoiled and often they were killed, yet they suffered patiently and joyfully. We know our hope in Christ is of much more value.

We have need of patience that we might receive the crown of reward.

Summer is ended and the harvest is past.

When we draw back from God the nearer we get to ruin.

People love false teaching. Jer. 5:30.

God created man pure, but by his sin he died so death became the fruits of sin. But praise be to God, He sent His Son to redeem us and give us victory over death, hell and the grave.

Christ is a city of refuge, He is the vine, we are the branches. To die in Christ we must live in Him. "Be thou faithful until death and I will give you a crown of life." If we die in Christ we will be with Him at His coming.

The present time is seed time. There are two kinds of seed — good and bad, which kind are we sowing?

They who lead a carnal sinful life spend all their time and care on the things of this life. But they who spend their time in God's service reap peace of mind in this life and eternal peace hereafter.

Prove your own actions with God's Word. The biggest job is at home. The more we do this the more we are capable of bearing our brother's burdens, then we have rejoicing in our own souls and we will be able to stand in judgment. If we judge ourselves we will not be judged.

Although we have been favored of Christ and have received His blessing it is possible for us to be led astray.

To drive away fear we must lay up treasures in Heaven, prepare for death, and enjoy the peace that no one can take from us.

There are two kingdoms: the kingdom of Christ and the kingdom of the world. We belong to the kingdom that we serve.

Will the Church be ready when the Bridegroom comes? Will we have oil in our lamps? Will He find us building on the Solid Rock? God's people are spoken of as the little flock, the few on the narrow way.

Do not be deceived or mistaken. The man who was last was mistaken, the boy who shot his sister was mistaken. Jesus said, "Be not deceived."

Getting blessings from God is a little like playing checkers. God moves as we move. Noah moved at God's command. Israel blew the rams' horn and God moved the stone wall.

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us remembering that sins like barnacles, the small sea shell animals that attach themselves to ships and hinder their progress, will weight us down and hinder our spiritual progress.

Sister Ruth Snyder

LUCKY?

"Lucky" implies a favorable or advantageous event happening by mere chance. Have you ever heard someone say, "Wasn't Henry sure lucky to be alive after that accident?" If Henry was a child of God he wasn't lucky at all, he was blessed and God's hand spared him. Why? Maybe because of a Mother or Father praying for their son. I'm afraid too often we want to give "lady luck" the credit and the one who should get the credit, doesn't.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Rom. 8:28. It seems that verse should help us to understand better that luck should not be what we credit.

Are you just lucky that God saved you and promised you life eternal if you hold out faithful till the end? Not at all. We are saved by His grace, no kind of luck involved. Sometimes, I think as Christians we should not even use the word "luck" in our vocabulary. It seems to me that word belongs in the casinos where people are lucky. They gamble and win by mere chance. Christians have no part in such places. Along this line, I also wonder if we as the people of God should even put our names into some box so we can win a turkey, or a gun, or a car, or whatever it might be. Should Christians have a desire to be out winning things? I believe as Christians sometimes we get our winning all mixed up. Our duty, and I repeat that our DUTY, is to win souls into the family of God. So often that goes neglected, but yet we will think nothing of winning prizes and such like.

This is my conviction, and I'm not saying everybody must feel just like I do on this situation. But sometimes if we are willing to share our convictions and not try to shove them down someone's throat, it can help us along life's way. I believe, though, that when we take a chance such as that, all it is, is luck if we win. Suppose I put my name in a box and it just so happens that I win a color television. What do I do with it? Well, I can't keep it, so I'll sell it. God forbid, that's just as bad, taking the money for getting something for nothing and thinking we did just fine. I feel the solution for that could be solved before, don't put your name in the box and you will not have that temptation. We can tempt God, so let's be careful. Sometimes Christians realize there are things they have that could hinder their spiritual life, so they sell them. I'm sure there are things we can sell in this case, maybe our home is too fancy so we sell it. I don't think God would expect us to take a sledge hammer over our home and demolish it, but a television, yes.

How about that time you didn't get to leave the house for work as early as you wanted to and got down the road a few miles and there was an accident. Was it just luck that it wasn't you? Or maybe, young brother on the way home from your date with your Christian girlfriend, you dozed off at the wheel and went to the side of the road and stirred up the stones and you woke up? Is it possible someone was praying for you? Your guardian angel was there with you? Or was it just "lady luck?"

How about the person who was seeking God and started working at a place of employment and met one of our ministers who worked there, and this person and his wife were led to the family of God? Was it just chance or luck that he started working there? God forbid! Let's give credit where it should be given.

A brother or sister is about to face an operation, so we say, "I wish you the best of luck." In other words we are saying "I wish a favorable or advantageous event will happen to you be mere chance." Is that the way we feel about our brethren and sisters? No, but rather we would say, "May God's hand be upon you, we'll be praying for you."

There was no luck involved when Philip met the eunuch, when Daniel was in the den of lions and their mouths were shut tight, and the three Hebrew children weren't at all lucky that they were not burned up in the furnace. God was with them. Why? Because they were obedient to His cause.

You know when we wish someone, "good luck" we are just trying to dress up lady luck to look good, but let's not be ashamed to say "God's blessings", and "God's hand", and so forth, be with you.

Maybe sometimes we are just ashamed to say that, so instead we wish them luck.

So let's, as children of God, put "lady luck" where she belongs and give God the honor and glory. David says in Psalms 115:18, also many other places, "Praise the Lord." So let's do that.

There is a song that goes something like this:

You lived through the crash on the highway
 It's a miracle you're here today
 You say lady luck was riding with you
 But it might be your Mother prayed.
 You were saved in the war over yonder
 You say your good luck charm pulled you through,
 But the only reason that you might be living
 Is your Mother just might have been praying for you.
 Don't give lady luck all the credit
 It might have been your Mother's prayers.
 She holds the key to the powers in heaven
 And pleads with your Maker up there.
 Now you call yourself lucky
 And believe that it is true,
 But your Mother just might
 Have been praying for you.

Remember, luck is a favorable or advantageous event happening by mere chance. Does your God operate by mere chance?

Brother Ray Stuber

I ADMIRE A GIRL

Who is neat, but not "dolled up";
 Who enjoys meeting people but is not forward;
 Whose life inspires others to Christian virtue and purity;
 Whose presence causes others to be God-conscious;
 Who remains calm in situations where others wouldn't;
 Who is a good conversationalist but does not gossip;
 Who loves to do housework;
 Who has an appreciation for beauty;
 Who is refined, delicate and feminine;
 Who loves children;
 Who can lend a good, listening ear;
 Who knows when silence is golden, and when it's just plain yellow;
 Who is generous and finds happiness in unselfishly living for others;
 Who is thrifty, industrious, and despises idleness.

— A Young Man

Selected by Sister Mary Lou Stauffer

1981 GENERAL CONFERENCE SERMON NOTES

Continued from March 15, 1982 Issue

Monday Evening

Moderator: Elder Ray Reed.

Chorister: Bro. Paul Stump.

Opening: Elder David Skiles. Luke 4:16-30.

"as his custom was". Jesus is our example. While here Jesus developed the right kind of customs. It is good for us to develop good habits in our youth. It is difficult to break bad habits later on. Our Church attendance should be a habit. He attended and He took part when asked, He did not push it off on another. Habits become a part of our personality and character. We should develop these customs in our lives.

First Speaker: Elder Jacob Ness. Mark 4:23-24.

While here we have heard many sermons, devotions, prayers and songs. What have we really heard? Hearing is the receiving of sounds into the human body and the interpretation of those sounds. We need to close out the world sometimes so we can hear better. The ear is a very intricate and delicate organ. The internal parts of the ear are even more important than the external parts. It shows the hand of our Creator. We can train our hearing to catch certain sounds. The inner ear not only play a part in our hearing but also contributes to our balance and is sensitive to pressure.

Have people lost their balance? Is it related to what people are hearing. Some people, spiritually, are slightly deaf, some are totally deaf and some are stone deaf. Some have ears but hear not. Some sit under the sound of the Gospel but do not really hear it. Some are forgetful hearers. Satan comes and takes away what is heard very quickly. We are warned to take heed to the things that we have heard. When we are in the wrong place we don't hear right like Jonah. He had to cry to be heard by God.

We need to be careful in what we hear and how we hear, if not the message from God's Word may be garbled and lost or misunderstood. God's prophets and ministers were sent to take the Word out. Those they were with, needed to hear them.

Blood pressure and hyperventilation affect the hearing. Spiritual blood pressure and ventilation affect our spiritual well being. Inattention can affect hearing.

The name of Jesus should be music to our ears but often we hear it used in a way that is far from being music. But Over There there will be a new song. If He could deliver the Three Hebrew children and Daniel and many others can He not deliver us also if we hear

Him. The trump of God is going to sound; the voice of the archangel will go out. Are we going to hear them? An advertisement says to "Come see with your ears." Those at General Conference have come and seen with their ears. Job at the end of his suffering said that before he had heard of God but now he had seen Him. Have we seen God through the hearing of the Scripture?

To be continued.

OUR SCHOLARS

THE BRETHREN

Many were convinced that even the Reformers (Luther, Calvin, Knox) did not go far enough in their break from the practices of Rome. The Reformers opposed the sale of indulgences, rejected the authority of the Pope, and taught the Biblical doctrine of justification by faith. When it came to non-conformity to the world, the baptism of adults, and the separation of state and church, the reformers still followed the practices of Rome.

Thus, several things arose which called for reform in the Protestant churches. These groups not only rejected the immoralities of the Roman Catholic Church, but they also rejected the partial reforms of the Protestant reformers.

Several small bands of believing Christians surfaced in the middle 1500's and 1600's — before the Brethren were first organized. The one group was known as the Anabaptists. The other group was known as the Pietists. The word "Anabaptist" means "re-baptizers" and not "against baptism." The Anabaptists stressed three principles. 1. They rejected the rite of infant baptism. 2. They were devoted to obeying the details of scripture. 3. They believed in absolute separation of church and state.

The word Pietist is a nickname. It comes from their emphasis on piety and on living the good life. 1. They taught the necessity of complete repentance and turning from the world. 2. They emphasized a continued search for God's truth through intensive Bible study. 3. They condemned the unhealthy distinction that had been practiced between clergy and laity.

The Pietists (like the Anabaptists) rejected many of the features of the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches. The Roman Catholics, for the most part, have maintained the traditions of the Middle Ages Period. The Protestants, in theory, teach salvation by faith in Christ, but also ignore those parts of the Bible that are not palatable to most people.

The churches with an Anabaptist - Pietist heritage have maintained a number of distinctive doctrines down through the years.

Johnelle Trujillo
Torreon Christian School

NEWS ITEMS

WEST FULTON, OHIO

The Lord willing, the West Fulton Congregation is planning a Spring Lovefeast on May 15, 1982. Services will begin at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning with Lovefeast in the evening. There will also be services on Sunday.

Please come and enjoy these services with us.

Sister Elane Beck, Cor.

THANKS

May God bless all the Brothers and Sisters for the kind Christian love and concern given to our beloved Daddy and Husband, Dover Hollandsworth.

We want to thank the Brethren for the Christian services and songs offered in our home as well as at the hospital, also the cards, memorial gifts and sympathy given at the time of his death.

Sister Kathryn Hollandsworth

MINISTERIAL LIST CHANGE

The new address of Bro. Ronald Marks is R. 2 Box 2338, Stewartstown, Pennsylvania 17363. His telephone number is (717) 246-1272.



SATAN A TRAVELER

The Devil is no idle spirit, but a great traveler, that does not rest long in one place. There may be no inhabited spot in the world which is unknown to him. His energy and zeal for the ruin of the human race keeps him on the go. He has a large and endless circuit. His business is to entrap and capture men. As he moves about the city, he throws a false measure, a short weight, into a merchant's deal. He steps into a saloon and kindles a barroom fight. He finds his way into court and produces a false evidence. He dabbles in politics and helps to run poolrooms and gambling dives. To seduce and ensnare young men and women, as well as older ones, is a favorite art of his. The pulpit and pew have known his daring presence. In fact, he is "seeking whom he may devour."

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR MAY, 1982

DELIVER

Memory Verse: Isa. 44:17

And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god.

Sat. 1 - Isa. 44:1-28

Memory Verse: Isa. 57:13

When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;

Sun. 2 - Isa. 46:1-13

Mon. 3 - Isa. 47:1-15

Tues. 4 - Isa. 49:1-26

Wed. 5 - Isa. 50:1-11

Thur. 6 - Isa. 57:1-21

Fri. 7 - Isa. 66:1-24

Sat. 8 - Jer. 1:1-19

Memory Verse: Jer. 1:19

And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.

Sun. 9 - Jer. 7:1-28

Mon. 10 - Jer. 15:1-21

Tues. 11 - Jer. 20:1-18

Wed. 12 - Jer. 21:1-14

Thur. 13 - Jer. 22:1-30

Fri. 14 - Jer. 24:1-10

Sat. 15 - Jer. 29:1-19

Memory Verse: Jer. 15:21

And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

Sun. 16 - Jer. 29:20-32

Mon. 17 - Jer. 32:1-25

Tues. 18 - Jer. 32:26-44

Wed. 19 - Jer. 34:1-22

Thur. 20 - Jer. 37:1-21

Fri. 21 - Jer. 38:1-28

Sat. 22 - Jer. 39:1-18

Memory Verse: Jer. 39:18

For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee: because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the Lord.

Sun. 23 - Jer. 42:1-22

Mon. 24 - Jer. 43:1-13

Tues. 25 - Jer. 46:1-28

Wed. 26 - Jer. 51:1-23

Thur. 27 - Jer. 51:24-44

Fri. 28 - Jer. 51:45-64

Sat. 29 - Lam. 1:1-22

Memory Verse: Jer. 51:6

Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompense.

Sun. 30 - Lam. 5:1-22

Mon. 31 - Eze. 3:1-27

Memory Verses: Eze. 3:19

Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Eze. 3:21

Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; Also thou hast delivered thy soul.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

MAY 1, 1982

NO. 9

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

THE PICTURE OF MOTHER

Thomas P. Carey

I keep a priceless painting embedded in my heart,
A gift to me from Heaven in the Master's perfect art;
A little homelike picture of a mother, oh, so dear,
Whose prayers I fondly cherish, and whose lessons I revere.

No vision so poetic could the brush of man portray,
The works of loving kindness must be wrought in God's own way;
Many thoughts I lend in fancy, and how true it seems to be,
The earth must have its angels, and this one abides with me.

Her hair is winter whitened and her eyes are summer blue,
Like clouds of snowy softness when sunbeams trickle through;
Her handclasp sometimes trembles and a halting step occurs,
But oh, the tender sweetness of that patient soul of hers.

And more and more this picture is to me a sacred shrine;
I praise the God who gave it, and I thank Him that 'tis mine;
And the sun and stars may perish, and the world may fall apart,
But Mother lives forever, embedded in my heart.

Selected by Sister Lisa Musselman

A CHRISTIAN MOTHER

A Christian's greatest Spiritual battle is fought within the home. There, where he or she is best known, it is often difficult to live the Christian life. Where only one parent is a Christian, it is even harder to influence the children to become Christians.

One successful example given to us in the New Testament is Eunice, the mother of Timothy. Eunice was a Christian mother who had a great faith. She was married to a Greek, who typically considered this faith to be unreasonable. Yet Eunice was able to influence Timothy that he would grow up to become not only a Christian but an active worker and missionary.

The unfeigned faith of Eunice had been strong enough that the allurements that the father placed before the boy did not dissuade him from becoming a Christian. When Paul came to Lystra, Timothy became one of his converts. He later went with Paul on his journeys, suffering the hardships that befell that missionary effort and also enjoyed the Spiritual rewards of seeing the Gospel spread to many regions. Still later he became the first Elder of the Church at Ephesus. Paul considered himself to be Timothy's spiritual father filling the void left by his natural father.

A Christian faith is a duplicatable faith. It can be passed from one person to another and from one generation to another. The unfeigned faith that was found in Lois was later found in her daughter Eunice. It was later duplicated in Timothy. The price of that faith may have seemed high at time, while Timothy was growing up. The times of tension and misunderstanding between the spouses must have seemed terrible. It was these times when it

THE BIBLE MONITOR

MAY 1, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

was hardest for Eunice to hold to her faith and to display a Christian spirit. But when that faith was duplicated in Timothy, surely the struggle seemed very worthwhile.

What is this unfeigned faith? There are many elements that have a part in a faith that is real. It is a faith worth contending for. While the ordinances and practices of Christianity are often unknown and unappreciated by unbelievers, one who has this faith is very punctual in performing them. While these doctrines may seem unreasonable to some, to the one who possesses the faith they are very important. Timothy, as he grew up was exposed to these Christian doctrines and practices as his mother followed this faith.

This faith, while very personal, also desires the fellowship of others of like faith. Eunice may not have had much opportunity to meet with fellow believers until after Paul first preached at Lystra. She welcomed these few opportunities when they came. The assembling of believers is important to every Christian and especially to one who does not have encouragement at home from the spouse. Timothy learned of this faith not only in these occasional meetings but surely Lois and Eunice had set aside certain times at home when they could worship and study.

This faith prompted Eunice to pray often. As one nearly alone she felt the need of communicating with God. She needed the chance to praise Him, for otherwise there was very little praise of God to be heard in that household. She needed a time to pour out the fears, misgivings and sorrows of being alone in her service for God. She could pour her heart out to God, pouring out what she could not tell an unsympathetic husband. She needed to pray for that husband but she especially needed to pray for Timothy. Her husband may never have accepted the Gospel, but Timothy certainly did. She would have been one of those who held Paul up in his missionary efforts.

Her faith would have impelled her to read and study the scriptures. Although she only had the Old Testament, still she could read of the thrilling events of the history of the children of Israel. She could read of the heroes of faith who stood for God. She could read the prophecies of the Messiah who had now come and offered salvation. These and many other things she could read and recount to Timothy.

The faith of this mother and grandmother was very important in the shaping of Timothy's life. Without these faithful women behind him it is likely he would never have been in the place where he could serve God. He could look back to a home, where there was a difference between parents concerning eternal things, but he could see a mother who with unfeigned faith had prepared him for serving God.

This lesson shows the importance of Christian mothers and grandmothers and Christian fathers and grandfathers. Even under trying and imperfect conditions their faithfulness can have far-reaching effects. Timothy became a Christian leader for he had a faithful mother. Will your children look back in the future and see parents with this same unfeigned faith?

FATHERS AND MOTHERS

As we meditate on a subject so sacred and far-reaching as this one, our minds are drawn out along a few of its important angles:

The reverence and respect a child should have for its Father and Mother.

The honor and obedience due them.

In the light of God's Word, how can I honor my parents?

The obligations and responsibilities of Father and Mother.

The joys and sorrows of parents.

Their thankfulness to God that He has blessed them.

God our Heavenly Father, are we His children in word and deed?

Let us think of the Golden Rule. Are we expecting more from our Heavenly Father, than we are willing to give as natural parents? "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Eph. 6:1-4. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

In these scriptures we have a basis for much meditation by children, fathers and mothers. Do we believe God's Word? Do we trust His promises? According to the report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, crime has increased about eight percent during the year. The increase has been in the teen-age and twenty to twenty-five year groups of young people.

As I think of these problems and responsibilities I am wondering how anyone, who is not trying their best to follow the teachings of Christ and to be strengthened and lifted above the trials of life by His teachings, can expect to be a good father and mother?

One weakness in our family structure is the fact that, too few homes have time or concern for God and His service. Another weakness is that far too many homes are concerned about wealth, honor and a good time (as they think), than about the stability of the home and the culture of the family. Another sad weakness is that tobacco, drink, amusement and gambling have taken too

much of the income, to have a happy, enlightened home.

We need to be fortified and instructed by the Word of God, meditation and prayer, in order, to be understanding children, fathers and mothers.

Brother Howard J. Surbey
Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340

THE HOMEFRONT

The homefront is the place where most of us do our mission work. It may seem insignificant because our work won't make the headlines, but it is important, just as surely as mission work away from home is important. The homefront is where our lives touch our families and friends in everyday situations. Here is where personal contacts are made which may determine the effects of our witnessing. The impressions we make on others and the testimony we leave are viewed critically and the homefront has a way of revealing what we are made of.

Being missionaries at home is not easy. It is more difficult to maintain our perspective when we're so close to a situation. Some distance between us and the need is helpful in keeping a positive outlook. It is more difficult also to maintain our spiritual integrity, as home-folks see us everyday. They know what we should be and see every mistake we make. Usually not much allowance for human weakness is granted to us by those who know us well. Only by the grace of God can we maintain a good Christian witness before them.

Jesus came to minister to others (Matt. 20:28), He came to save the world (John 3:17), and to give us the abundant life (John 10:10). Then He gave each of us some work to do (Mark 13:34). Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. He also said "... that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:47. Jerusalem was the homefront for the disciples, the place to begin. All nations need the Gospel, but it doesn't make sense to teach everyone else and forget the ones at home.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..." doesn't always mean go to the other side of the world. The Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) applies at home as well as away. "Go" means do something, "ye" means you, and "teach" means to get the message across that Jesus alone can save us. We all know it's not easy to be a homefront missionary, as Jesus said, "A prophet is not without honor, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house." Mark 6:4. Even so, it is important to

leave the best witness possible and do what we can in a practical way to manifest a Christian spirit.

"Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbor's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee." Prov. 25:17. What does this have to do with being a homefront missionary? Many principles which apply socially also apply spiritually. If you spend too much time at your neighbor's, you become a nuisance and will soon be an enemy. Your good intentions won't mean anything then. If you are continually preaching at someone, you're going to make an enemy. Learn to know when you've said enough and stop with that. Then let your life do the witnessing.

"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it is right." Prov. 20:11. We do leave a testimony by our conduct and general way of life, often without realizing it. People form opinions of us as they have dealings with us and we need to remember that. "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." Rom. 14:7. We do have a responsibility toward those around us, and because we are the Lord's, more is expected of us than of unbelievers.

Jesus cast devils out of a man, then sent him home to testify (Luke 8:39). Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus (John 1:41) and Peter's life really counted for the Lord. The nobleman and his family were saved after his son was healed (John 4:53). Lydia, a business woman, and her household, the Philippian jailer and his household all believed after hearing the Word spoken to them by Paul (Acts 16). In each situation, the Word was personally given by someone, and lives were saved. Wherever we are is where our opportunity is, there is our responsibility, and there is where the fruit will be.

It may seem impossible to witness as you should, but there is a way you can reach out in love even when you must be silent. Prayer is the way to reach hearts for Jesus, even those who won't listen to the Gospel. Prayer opens doors which otherwise would remain closed and softens hearts so the Word can penetrate. Jesus prayed for Peter so his faith wouldn't fail (Luke 22:31-32). He prayed for us, too (John 17:20) and is yet interceding for us. Prayer does change things and in some situations, prayer is the only way to get things changed.

"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off." Acts 2:39. The "all that are afar off" may be in your own home or your neighborhood. Wherever you are, wherever the unsaved are, the promise is there, that salvation is available to those who seek it. It is God's desire that all men would be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, and that we would pray for this. Prayer is the best way to touch God's heart

for people and to touch people's hearts for God. Whether you're on the homefront or the foreign front, pray and God will save. The prayer of a righteous person avails much.

Sister Eileen Broadwater

A LOVING MOTHER

A loving Mother works from early morning until the sun begins to set. It seems her work is never done. She shares our hopes, our dreams and our plans. She always believes in us and tries to understand. Many times when we were far apart, she always had our interest at heart. Her life to me was a perfect symbol of enduring and unselfish love.

Many years ago a story was written of a young boy who wrote his Mother a note one Monday morning. He did not hand it to her but placed it, at breakfast time, by her plate. The loving Mother picked it up and read it and put it down at the same place but with no comment. On the following morning, wasn't this boy happy to see the money on his plate. He counted it to see if she paid in full. It was all there, so he put it in his pocket. A little later he noticed he had a note at his plate.

His note to his Mother said, "Mother, this is a bill you owe me." Mother owes me for running errands fifty cents, for being a good boy seventy-five cents and several other items he put down till it all came to four dollars and fifty cents.

The loving Mother's note read, "Son, you owe your Mother for all the years of happiness and love, NOTHING. Many nights I have set by your bedside all night when you were ill, for this, Son, you owe your dear, loving Mother, NOTHING. There were many times you were in trouble and I was always by your side to help. You remember this, Son, but you owe me, NOTHING. Many times through the past years you have accused me of things that were false, you knew that they were not true. For this, Son, you owe me, NOTHING. Many times you caused me heartache, only God knew how these hurt. My darling son, you owe Mother, NOTHING." There were more added to the note but at last she ended it by saying, "This grand account comes to NOTHING. Your loving Mother."

When the money was found, my was he happy, but when he picked up the note mother had written and read it, it was another story. He read it over very carefully. He rushed to his darling Mother, putting both his arms around her neck, kissing her, with tears streaming down his face. They both cried together. Then he said, "Oh, my dear Mother, let me love you. I know now there were

many times I failed to show any love for you and there were times I showed no respect. Now I see how very wrong I have been. If you will only forgive me for what I have done in the past, I promise I will try to make your life worth living. Please, let me know how I can help, so your life will be brighter. I so much want to repay you the debt of love I owe you. Will you still continue to love me as you always have Mother? My dear mother, is this asking too much of you? From now on I will be a loving Son."

Sister E. M. Alltus

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

ROCK MUSIC

Young people, Christianity has to be discredited and destroyed or at least neutralized before the world can be totally prepared for the rule of the Antichrist. The social rebellion and revolution in rock music today is tearing down the work of the gospel.

Modern music lyrics peddle revolution, hatred for parents and their authority, immorality, drugs and discounts orthodox faith in Jesus Christ. Terminologies are used to disguise their true meaning. This creates a subliminal attack on the mind of the listener. You are being taught subconsciously by Satan.

Rock music has widened the inevitable and normal gap between generations. As a young Christian, you cannot allow this. It is adamantly important that you do not separate yourselves from older church members, but rather share with them in any way you can.

Rock proves that Satan is alive and well today. One rock star says that "It feels as though I'm not playing my instrument and that something else is playing it." At a Rolling Stones concert in San Francisco, one girl had to be removed from the stage for immoral acts performed under the influence of "the beat."

Don't be deceived. If you are listening to rock music, your mind is being manipulated or even dominated subconsciously. The artist communicating rebellion and free love to you is probably a dirty, swearing, ragged, drugged or drunken individual from whom you wouldn't even purchase a used car! His values are degenerate and orgiastic and present a good barometer of the true value of his sounds.

Townshend of "The Who" says his band seems to play their performances possessed. He stated in an interview, "Rock is going to kill me somehow, Mentally or physically, it's going to get me in the end. It gets everybody in the end."

Young person, your life should be dominated by the Lord Jesus Christ. If you say that you need and want rock 'n roll, you are

automatically saying, "My relationship with Christ is not all it should be."

God instructs us to sing spiritual songs because they bring peace of mind and soul. (Eph. 5:18-19). In I Samuel 1:16, we find Saul had departed from the Lord and was possessed by an evil spirit. Finally he sent for David to play for him on his harp. This brought Saul back into the mental awareness of God and His grace.

In Germany, radio stations continually played harsh and irritating marches during the time of Hitler. Eventually about everyone accepted him as the Messiah. If we liberate our mind from right thinking, our body will follow!

In a day when the radio and television literally fill every home, every automobile and every office with music, it is inconceivable that Satan would not take advantage of the opportunity to spread his chaos. That music brings in the "spirit of iniquity" and compromises your thinking.

In these last days with knowledge increasing rapidly, as it was prophesied to do in Daniel 12:4, it is interesting that evidence has been found that the Bible itself contains the music of God. There are many Scriptures commanding that the Word of God pour from the soul of the redeemed as a joyful song.

Any music that does not glorify God, refresh the Spirit, and bring others to a knowledge of salvation in Jesus Christ must be rejected because like all things temporal, it will pass away with the hay and stubble of this world.

Music that is basically un-Christian is luring you from first principles and is washing your mind with trash. If you are led by the Spirit, you will reject it. Our discrimination between good music, which uplifts and builds, and bad music, which debases and destroys, will be sharpened when our standard of judgment is truly Christian instead of earthly. Christ is personally calling you to work in His vineyard and glorify Him. I challenge you to stand firm for Him in the face of the great perversion of music, art and literature.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

OUR SCHOLARS

PEACE AND PURITY

Peace is one of the most precious of all gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit. Peace is the state of rest and calmness relating from a harmonized relationship between the soul and God. We must

attempt to be peaceable in our lives. We are instructed in Romans 12:18 "As much as lies in you, live peaceably with all men." It is our daily duty to renounce hatred and anger, and to answer angry people with a gentle reply, and even to pray to God to bless our enemies. We should support the peacekeeping role of the government. We are to pray for the peace of the country in which we live. We are to pray for rulers so that national conditions will be favorable for Christians to live a quiet and peaceful life. We are to participate in the peacekeeping role of the Church. It is our responsibility to help people become reconciled to God by proclaiming to them the good tidings of peace with God through Jesus Christ, and to persuade fellow believers not to despise nor judge one another, and to practice right attitudes towards other believers by following Jesus' instructions for settling differences.

There are noble examples of peacemaking in the Old Testament account. Abraham gave Lot the first choice of land and Abraham took what was left. Isaac gave up the wells which he had dug and which were unjustly taken, and moved on to dig new wells, rather than argue or fight over them. The New Testament amplifies the need for practicing such attitudes. We are to follow peace with all men!

Purity: The word "pure" means undefiled and free from self interest, or freedom from anything that is tainted. Purity begins with thought through life, but it shows itself in our words, our actions, and in the habits of our lives. Purity speaks especially about chastity with regards to sexual relationships. Chastity was a completely new virtue which Christianity brought into the world. In the ancient world (aside from the Hebrew nation), sex relationships outside the marriage bond were the normal and accepted practice. The pagan or heathen world regarded sex as a thing to be gratified and not something to be controlled. In places like Corinth, the pagan religious temples were staffed with priestesses who were sacred prostitutes.

In our day, the situation is not better. The Christian ideal relating to purity (as taught in the Scriptures) is chastity before marriage and loyalty after marriage. The believer should strive to uphold the law of purity by being modest in behavior, language, and dress. He should avoid all conversations, readings, art, and amusement which may put impure thoughts into his mind. Each young person should pledge early in life never to practice habits that may lead to illicit sexual activity. God will judge severely those whose lives are characterized by impurity. The judgment will fall upon those who practice illicit heterosexual activity as well as upon those who are practicing homosexuals.

School Assignment by:
Joseph Otero, Age 13
Torreon Christian School

1981 GENERAL CONFERENCE SERMON NOTES

Continued from April 15, 1982 Issue

Second Speaker: Elder Frank Shaffer. Romans 12:17-21; Matt. 5:43-48.

These are wonderful scriptures. They tell us of coals of fire being heaped on our enemies. We have more enemies today than at any other time. Evil waxes worse and worse. Satan and his workers are busy. It is important to be called a Christian. A Christian is not measured so much by what he does for his family as by what he does for his enemies. It is the natural thing to love our families, friends and neighbors yet to be more like God and godly it is necessary to follow the things in these scriptures that we might heap coals of fire on their heads. Not that we want to see them burn up. We have no right to take vengeance for it belongs to God. Even though they are our enemies we need to watch our lives. If we are not careful we begin to express thoughts of seeking punishment to be brought upon someone. We should not allow bitterness to have a place in our lives.

One of the first things is living peaceably with others. Can we prove to them that we want to live in peace? We must pursue peace. Do we want them to have peace in their hearts through Jesus? We are not going to do it by treating them evil. We must do good. Give them food and drink or anything else they need. They may be your enemy now but how long do you want them to be your enemy? Many times an enemy who has been turned is one of the dearest of friends. What is done to make peace is an extension of what Jesus did on the cross. The soldier by the cross of Jesus, who may have heard Him say, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," — confessed that He was the Son of God. Something had touched the life of Cornelius so instead of a harsh Centurion he was turned to God. His prayers were answered by God.

Isaiah 6 tells of Isaiah's vision of God's throne. His unclean lips were cleansed by the coal of fire. Isaiah was then ready to be sent out in God's service but he needed the coals of fire. One who was opposed to God was converted and became a minister.

Those who are not touched by these coals of fire will have to face the fiery wrath of God in judgment. If we heap these coals of fire on our enemies, they may be converted and become useful servants of God. The Spirit of God can work with these coals of fire. We have no right to seek revenge against our enemies. Aaron and Miriam were upset at Moses. God's wrath was especially against Miriam but Moses plead for her. He had plead also for all the children of Israel when God was ready to destroy them, even

though they often murmured against Moses.

Do we bless those who curse us? It takes the grace of God to do so. Joseph had been sold into Egypt. His brethren were afraid of what evil he might do to them after he was made known to them. But Joseph blessed, loved them and sustained them for he saw this as God's way of preserving His people.

Jesus came not to destroy those who had sinned, but He came to seek and to save the lost. Stephen appealed to God to not lay the sin of his murderers to their charge. Paul was struck down on the Damascus road. His question was what was he to do. He was told what to do and that is what is needed in the lives of each who feel the coals of fire on their heads. They need to do what God has said.

We need to heap these coals of fire — not coals of wrath or hatred but coals that cause our enemy to realize his position before God and in shame and contrition come to Him and serve Him.

Closing: Elder Joseph Flora.

We have been blessed by hearing the Word of God. Non-resistance is one of the key doctrines our forefathers have contended for. We have been measured tonight. What kind of life are we living. Stephen measured up. He had a forgiving spirit. Jesus saves us for a purpose. We are to be the salt of the Earth. Are our lives preserving this old world? God gave us ears to hear His Gospel. He speaks to us in many ways. He speaks of the beauties of Heaven. He speaks of joy of salvation. He speaks of the wonders and power of love. He speaks of the awfulness of Hell. How is our hearing?

To be continued.

GOD'S BLESSINGS REVEALED TO JOHN ON PATMOS

As it was revealed to John the Revelator, it is now shared with us, the great visions this man of God received while on the Isle of Patmos. He once was a fisherman but left his nets to follow Christ. Because he was a faithful witness for Christ, he was put on a lonely island, far from his homeland and friends by a wicked ruler. He was one of the twelve Apostles, who walked with Christ on earth.

In the Book of Revelation, we find that John heard wonderful things and had great visions. While no one on earth was hindering him, he was told to write and send to the Seven Churches of Asia what he had seen and heard. While on this lonely island John heard a mighty voice. He looked and saw seven golden candlesticks and seven stars. The seven golden candlesticks represent

the seven Churches of Asia. The seven stars represented the seven preachers who preached in the Churches of Asia.

While John was there he had a vision of the throne of God that seemed near to him. He saw twenty-four elders dressed in white and wearing crowns of gold. He also saw in the hands of God a sealed book. He heard an angel cry, "Who is able to break the seals and open this book?" When the book was opened John saw strange things. He wrote there things that others might know also and receive knowledge of God.

Are we throwing out the lifeline across the dark way of life. If we are disobedient to God's word we will be barred from the holy city of God. There are great blessings implied for us in the Book of Revelation.

That great servant of God, John, reveals to us the great blessings of God, while on Patmos. Through our life we can reveal the goodness of God to others.

If we add to God's Word or take from it we will be barred from the holy city of God. I think it is well for us to study the Book of Revelation. Much is implied so let us meditate upon the great work of God's servant, John the Revelator. John looked into the beautiful City of God. This was more beautiful than anything he had ever seen on earth. He saw people from every nation in that City, servants of God. He also saw the tree of life and ripe fruit on it. I believe John was longing for the time to come that he could go Home to his Master in Heaven. After the great visions and views of God's kingdom John wanted to worship his ministering angel. He was told to worship God and also that blessed are those who do His commandments for they shall enter the gates of the beautiful City. Only those who share and obey the Words of God shall live in that great City.

Brother J. F. Marks
Rt. 9 Box 860
Plant City, Florida

ARE YOU EXCUSED?

Horace Bushnell once made an interesting list of all who might be excused from giving to missions. Here it is:

Those who believe the world is not lost and does not need a Saviour.

Those who believe that Jesus Christ made a mistake when He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Those who believe the Gospel is not the power of God, and cannot save the heathen.

Those who wish that missionaries had never come to our ancestors, and that we ourselves were still heathen.

Those who believe that it is "every man for himself" in this world, and who, with Cain, ask, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Those who want no share in the final victory.

Those who believe they are not accountable to God for the money entrusted to them.

Those who are prepared to accept the final sentence: "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

Are we fulfilling our mission, or are we guilty of omission?

Selected by Sister Mildred Skiles
Torreon Navajo Mission

MASTERPIECE

Mrs. Roy Peifer

God gave us all the wonders
Of His scenic out-of-doors,
The fresh, pure air, the bright sunshine,
Wild creatures by the score.

He carved majestic mountains
With skilled and steadfast hand;
He hallowed out the ocean's cup
And carpeted the land.

He gave us grass and trees and flowers,
Each lovely thing that grows,
The grandeur of the redwoods,
The beauty of the rose.

The rippling silver river,
The delicate snowflake,
The glory of the sunset and
The cool, blue mountain lake.

He made the stars and gave them
Each an appointed place...
Created then, His masterpiece,
A Mother's gentle face!

Selected by Sister Helen Sweitzer



Never does the human soul appear so strong and noble as when it foregoes revenge, and dares to forgive an injury. — E. H. Chapin.

OBITUARY

CONDA SOWERS

Bro. Conda B. Sowers, son of William and Elmira (Smith) Sowers, was born May 31, 1888, at Ardimis, Pennsylvania. He departed this life December 26, 1981 at the Franklin County Nursing Home in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

He was a member of the Waynesboro Dunkard Brethren Church, where he was caretaker for a number of years.

His wife, Emma Fosten Sowers, preceded him in death in 1977. He is survived by two sons, Eugene T. Sowers, of Lewisberry, Pennsylvania and Charles W. Sowers of Smithsburg, Maryland; eight grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Waynesboro Dunkard Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1981 with Elder Frank D. Shaffer and Bro. Eldon Mallow officiating. Burial in Price's Church Cemetery.

NEWS ITEM

GENERAL CONFERENCE

June 5-9, 1982

Directions to the Ohio Missionary Church Camp Grounds at Ludlow Falls, Ohio which is on Route 48 just north of junction Route 55. All those traveling Interstate 75 coming from north or south get off at Route 55, and go west to Ludlow Falls. Those traveling Interstate 70 from east or west get off at Route 48, and proceed north (approximately 8 miles) to grounds. Those coming from north on Route 127, take Route 571 to Route 55 and proceed to grounds.

By plane, come to Cox Municipal Airport, Dayton, and call the campgrounds for someone to pick you up. The telephone number is 698-3079. Those coming by bus, come to Dayton and call the campground number. Bedding will be available for those coming by plane or bus. All others need to bring their own. There will be room for campers. Campers will be appreciated in helping to care for lodging.

If you do not already have your reservations in, please do so now. Send to Bro. Paul Stump, 10340 Diamond Mill Road, Union, Ohio 45322.



It is when our faces are turning heavenward that the sunshine lights upon them.

DIRECTORY OF BOARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dale E. Jamison, Chairman
Quinter, Kansas 67752
Ray R. Reed, Secretary
Box 12, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063
Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Joseph E. Flora, Chairman
R. 3 Box 12, Adel, Iowa 50003
Hayes Reed, Secretary
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355
William Carpenter, Treasurer
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256
Harley Rush
R. 1, Converse, Indiana 46919
Galen Litfin
1314 East 7th St.
Newberg, Oregon 97132
Dale Jamison
Quinter, Kansas 67752
Jacob C. Ness
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403
Frank Shaffer
13062 Grant Shook Rd.
Greencastle, PA 17225

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Howard J. Surbey, Chairman
749 W. King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
Jacob C. Ness, Secretary
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403
H. Edward Johnson, Treasurer
5-1307-S.H. 108
Wauseon, Ohio 43567
Dean St. John
1040 Hillsdale Road, R. 1
Camden, Michigan 49232
Warren C. Smith
McClave, Colorado 81057

BIBLE STUDY BOARD

William Carpenter, Chairman
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Eugene Kauffman, Secretary
R. 6, Box 51
Harrisburg, Virginia 22801
Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057
Rudolph Cover
2034 Roble Ave.
Modesto, CA 95351
Dennis St. John
Rt. 1
Bryan, Ohio 43506

RELIEF BOARD

Boyd Wyatt, Chairman
4925 Tegner Rd.
Hughson, CA 95326
209-883-4138
Newton Jamison, Secretary
512 Garfield
Quinter, Kansas 67752
913-754-3433
Kyle Reed, Treasurer
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
515-677-2467
Virgil Leatherman
419 N. Queen St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-5753
Robert Carpenter
R. 5, Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

TORREON NAVAJO MISSION

David Skiles, Superintendent
R. 2 Box 8
Cuba, New Mexico 87013
Hayes Reed, Chairman
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355
Kyle Reed, Secretary
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
Newton Jamison, Treasurer
Quinter, Kansas 67752
Harley Flory
R. 4, Defiance, Ohio 43512

All contributions to the various Boards should be made out to the Treasury, but sent to the Secretary for his records.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

MAY 15, 1982

NO. 10

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

TIME TO PRAY

I got up early one morning,
And rushed right into the day.
I had so much to accomplish,
I took no time to pray.
The problems just tumbled about me,
And heavier came every task.
Why doesn't God help me, I wondered.
He said, "Why you didn't ask!"
I saw naught of joy or of beauty —
The day sped on gray and bleak.
I asked why won't the Lord show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."
I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently, lovingly chided
"My child, why didn't you knock."
I woke up quite early this morning,
And paused ere entering the day.
There was so much to accomplish,
I had to take time to pray.

Selected by Sister Martha Shaffer

DISTINCTIVE ATTIRE

Excuses are common. In Matthew 22:1-14, Jesus spoke of a king's wedding feast being devoid of guests because of excuses. The ones who had been invited began to make excuses. They not only refused to come but they even beat the messengers who were sent to remind them to come. After the king satisfied his wrath, he sent his servants out to gather in people from the highways and byways. The preparations had all been made and the king was determined that there would be guests to enjoy his hospitality even though those bidden had proven unworthy.

The common and often despised people were invited in. This must have seemed like a fantasy to them. They could enjoy the king's magnificent hospitality. After all this was the wedding feast for his heir so the very best was provided. Surely these people were thrilled and thankful for this unusual opportunity.

All seemed to be going well until the king noticed one of the guests, who did not have on the required wedding garment. When the king inquired of him the reason, there was none forthcoming. He could not even offer an excuse, since the wedding garment was provided by the king. The king's wrath was every whit as strong against this guest as it had been against those who made excuses when bidden to the feast.

Jesus spoke of this wedding feast as an illustration. He was not primarily interested in the people and events in this story; He was interested in the lesson He was sharing with His listeners. This lesson is still for us today.

Our Heavenly Father is preparing a wedding feast in honor of His

THE BIBLE MONITOR

MAY 15, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor, Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor, R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor, 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

Son. He has sent out an invitation to the whole world. He first invited the Jews, but like those who made excuses, they refused. They even mistreated the messengers who were sent with the invitation. He has turned to those of the highway and byway, but they too have made excuses.

The guests at the king's wedding were expected to be attired in a wedding garment provided by the king. The garment at the Lamb's wedding feast will be provided through the blood of the Son. It is a pure, white robe of righteousness. That is a spiritual garment, but while on the earth we must be dressed in physical clothing. Just like the one, who through pride or ignorance, refused to put on the provided garment, so many today make excuse why they need not wear distinctive attire. The end of the one who would not wear the provided garment was the same as those who refused to heed the invitation to the feast.

The guests were known by their garments. The one who did not wear that garment was easily spotted. Christians should want to be identified as those who belong at the feast. To appear there dressed in some other garment is to appear as one who is there uninvited. While we expect the cunning wolf to appear in sheep's clothing so he might lead astray the unsuspecting, we would never imagine the sheep wanting to wear the wolf's clothing. Such a sheep may begin acting like the wolf before long and become a terror to the rest of the flock. The world tells us that clothes make the man. A man's clothes projects his personality. Christians should take warning from that. If they insist on dressing in the styles of the world, what will they act like?

All of the guests at the wedding were attired in the same kind of clothes. Their sameness was made apparent by the one rebel. Because his appearance was not uniform with the others he was readily visible. The Church has established a style of dress for the Brethren and Sisters with the expectation that there will be a uniformity among the members. If the members do not wish to be uniform here how will they feel when all will be clothed with precisely the same garment at the Lamb's Wedding feast?

Excuses are not the sole possession of non-Christians. Many within the Church are busy framing excuses why they do not need to be distinctive. It often comes down to the fact that they do not want to be peculiar in the eyes of the world. Yet the Apostle Paul tells all that the Christian must come out from the world to be a separate and peculiar people. The Christian's peculiarity is not confined to his morals or his beliefs, it includes his appearance and attitude. There is a wonderful promise made to those who will be a peculiar people, for they will be the sons and daughters of God.

Have you made excuses to avoid becoming a Christian? That is dangerous ground as those who refused the king's invitation found out. Christian, have you made excuses to avoid becoming a distinctively attired Christian? That also is dangerous ground as the rebel at the wedding learned. Be distinctive and know the blessings of being God's child.

THE MASTER'S WORKSHOP

While Jesus Christ was here on earth He was a busy Man. It seems that wherever He went there were those who needed His power and love. He healed the sick, raised the dead, restored sight to the blind, made the lame walk, comforted those who mourned, and on and on the list went. His greatest work was to release the shackles of sin from the lives and hearts of mankind. This He accomplished with His death on the cross.

Christ was able to meet the need of every individual He ever met. He was all powerful, all knowing, and all loving. He was perfect in every way. He was literally, "God with us."

Christ cared for the needs of mankind while He was here on the earth. Before He left this earth to return to His Heavenly Father, He established the Church to continue the work He had started. Since Christ knew that as long as there were men on the earth there would be needs to be met, He established the Church and gave the command, "Occupy till I come."

The twelfth chapter of I Corinthians is a wonderful description of the body of Christ, the Church. In this chapter Paul explains how Christ distributed His many gifts to each member of the body. Unlike Christ who was able to do all things, we as individuals are limited in our abilities and thus it is essential that we work together as a body. Through the Spirit, Christ has distributed His abilities among the many members so that "as A BODY" we are able to care for the many needs that make up the work of the Church.

As we consider this chapter we could compare the Church to a workshop. A workshop has many tools, each with a special purpose or function. Each of us as members of the body of Christ has a special gift that is important to the work.

Christ as the Head of the Church must be the Master Craftsman. One thing about a tool that we must remember is that it is powerless of itself. As humans we are helpless and powerless but when surrendered to God's will we can do great things. To be used we must be in the hands of the Craftsman. He knows which tool is best for the job and how to use the tool that the task may be completed.

Each tool is important to the craftsman and likewise, each of us is important to Christ and the work of the Church. As we know, some tools in a shop are used for many projects while others have a more specific, limited use. Still, EACH tool IS NEEDED.

"For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Behold I am not the head, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?" I Cor. 12:14-17. From these verses we see the importance of each member.

We each know how difficult it would be to drive a nail with a saw. Yet, it is just as hard to cut a board in two with a hammer. There are many sizes of wrenches in a shop. A big wrench can't loosen a little bolt — neither can a little wrench loosen a big bolt. Each is necessary for its job and so essential for the completion of the total project.

Each of us has known the time when we needed a certain tool and it couldn't be found. The whole project was held up because of the lack of one little tool. Just so, each of us is so important to the work of the Church. There are some jobs that you and you ALONE, can do and if you fail to step in and take the responsibility the job will simply go undone and God's work will be hindered.

Some may feel they are not important to the work. Some think there is nothing for them to do. This brings out another interesting comparison. We all know that tools cost a great deal of money. A wise craftsman will not spend great amounts of money for tools he doesn't need. I Peter 1:18-19 tells us the price paid for us: "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" Christ would never have given His life for you and me if we weren't important to Him and His work. If we could only realize just how much it cost Christ to purchase us, it will keep us from ever again thinking "I'm a nobody."

In every shop there are tools that can be used for many tasks. There are also some we call special tools because they are for specific tasks. Just so, some members of the Church have many talents and others only a few. Still each is important to the body. The tool that has many uses still is useless for the task that the special tool is designated for.

Sometimes we feel discouraged when we compare our few, small talents to others with many great talents. The Scripture tells us this

is unwise. "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." II Cor. 10:12.

In the parable of the talents in Matt. 25 one servant was given five talents, one received two talents, and the other one talent. When the day of reckoning came, the rewards were not given for the quantity of talents but rather for the stewardship or investment of the talents possessed. The servant with five talents was responsible to God for all five. The one with two was responsible for two. The servant with only one talent would have been blessed and rewarded like the other servants if he would have been faithful. Likewise, God will reward us according to how we use our talents, not how many we have.

If we only have one or two talents, praise the Lord for each of them! Let's remember that we are a SPECIAL tool in the hands of the Master Craftsman. Surely God is more pleased with a one hundred percent effort of a person with one talent than a ten percent effort of a person with ten talents.

May we also consider the importance of being available. A missing tool is of no value to the craftsman. There are three important aspects of being available.

First, we must be ready. None of us like to use a tool that is dull, or dirty, or out of adjustment. Neither does God. He wants us to be ready. In II Tim. 2:20-21 Paul gives us an important element of readiness. "But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." God can not and will not use a dirty vessel to carry His pure, perfect Word. If we are to be ready for the Master's use we must keep our life (mind, heart, and body) pure and holy.

In I Peter 3:15 we are given another important element of readiness. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" If we are to satisfy the needs of the hungry souls around us we must have something to share with them. We must be vessels full of the Word of God, the joy of the Lord, and the fruits of the Spirit.

Secondly, we must be willing. It is so important that we be fully surrendered to the will of God. We must not fight or rebel against God's leading in our lives. God alone knows what is best for our lives. He has made us and bought us for a special purpose. When

fully surrendered to His will, life will be sweet. "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:" Isa. 1:19.

The third phase of being available hinges on the first two. If we are ready and willing, God will make us able. David is a good example of availability. As a young lad he was ready and willing and God made him able to defeat the giant Goliath and deliver Israel from the Philistines.

What is the greatest job we are to be accomplishing? Eph. 4:12 tells us that we are given different abilities, "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." How long do we work at it? Verse 13 answers with "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

We are given the commandment in I Cor. 15:58 to "be ye stedfast, unmoveable, ALWAYS ABOUNDING in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." How magnificent it would be to our Lord if we could present to Him a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle, everyone working diligently at the job they are called to do! May we be challenged at the blessed opportunity of being a tool in the Master's hand.

Brother James Meyers
R. 1 Box 110B
Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

RESPECT IN REVERSE

The first thought that often comes to the mind when the word respect is mentioned is the younger having respect for the older. Then perhaps we think of our respect for God, our Church, our rulers, our Church leaders, our parents or just respect for one another. Let us take a backward look at respect.

God is not a respecter of persons, but He has respect unto His people. Exodus 2:25 tells us that God had respect unto the children of Israel. He heard their groanings and remembered His covenant with Abraham. Even an omniscient God has respect unto His creation when they cry unto Him. As the sun is the center of our solar system so God should be the center of our lives. All our love and respect is not too much to give Him. Hebrews 12:28, "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

Our leaders need to earn the respect of the congregation by

ruling well. "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." I Timothy 5:17. A leader who challenges his congregation with the true word of God has gained the respect of his listeners. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15, does not mean that an opinion should be formed then the word studied in order to support that opinion. If this is done respect for the speaker will probably be lacking in the congregation. The motive for study must be pure. The result will be God speaking through our leaders and respect will have been earned.

Our attribute of a church leader mentioned by Paul in his epistle to Timothy is "apt to teach." I Timothy 3:2. To teach is to impart knowledge, to advise, is to inform, and to counsel is to advise. A leader deserving of respect is, therefore, a good counselor to the people.

God's word teaches that our assembling together should be orderly. Respect for God's house is certainly lacking when we are consistently late for services, shuffle noisily to our seats, turn around to see who came through the doorway, chew gum, do personal grooming during services, trapse out unnecessarily, and do not participate in all aspects of the worship service. The list could probably be much longer which shows our disrespect for the worship of our Lord. Those in the back seats may be whispering or looking at pictures, but have they seen any better example of respect in worship in front of them?

Respect for our government and its laws are also important for our Christian witness. How much respect are we showing by using any means such as a "CB", to avoid speed traps? Is respect shown when we cheat on our taxes or even complain about them? Matt. 22:21 "... Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Another show of disrespect is calling our law officers names besides, "policeman." These words and actions are saying we will do what we want no matter what these in authority dictate.

Respect by the older to the younger can be shown by concern for the younger. Even the common courtesies of "excuse me," "I'm sorry," or "thank you" are important. Young people do have strong feelings and emotions. Their problems are big and real to them, although to the older they seem like fantasies. Especially do these problems seem to become mountainous during adolescence. Sometimes someone to listen or to give proper advice is of utmost importance. The understanding of those who are older can remove some of these mountains and deserved respect is gained.

"Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12. Parents should deserve that respect by teaching and disciplining in the proper manner. A strong voice with no re-enforcement gains nothing but disrespect. Children learn so much by example. A parent who calls his or her partner "the old man" or "the old woman" has just taught a thorough lesson in disrespect. One of the best lessons in respect is for parents to show a daily respect for one another. Children deserve the respect of not being called "kids" or any other derogatory name that a parent might fancy. They did not ask to come to our families, but God placed them here for His honor and glory.

The children should have our quality time. Hours can be spent with them that are of little value if we have not learned the art of communication. Perhaps this will be listening and advising when the child is able to confide in the parent not just at the parent's convenience. Also as the children become adults the parents will have gained their respect if they have taught properly, and then let them make decisions without interference. Respect can be difficult to show to an interfering parent. A daily communication with the Lord is certainly necessary to receive the needed wisdom to earn respect.

God first, others next and ourselves last should be our rule of priority. If we show a lack of respect to others we cannot expect to receive respect. It might be well to stand by an opinion until proven wrong, but can't we learn to understand another's right to his opinion? To be bigoted and intolerent does not help to bring respect to oneself. Respect one another.

We all want the respect of others. Do we respect ourselves? Human decency teaches us that we should be clean and neat. Irresponsibility and laziness are also signs of personal disrespect. "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Col. 3:23. Personal slovenliness could also mean spiritual slovenliness.

Disrespect does not necessarily need to be taught, however, respect can be taught by example. God is not a nebulous God but a personal, real God who deserves our respect. Even so as He lives in us we should deserve and show respect.

Sister Alice Bross
Route 5, Myerstown, Pa. 17067



To bear injuries, or annoying and vexatious events, meekly, patiently, prayerfully, and with self-control, is more than taking a city. — C. Simmons.

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUTH

WHAT IS LIFE?

There is a cereal bearing the name, "LIFE", also a magazine. Everyone talks about it. We say, "Well, that's life" or "He lost his life." Just what are we talking about? Is it just existing? Is it just being conscious? The answer is a definite, "NO!" Man possesses some qualities unknown to animals. We have a highly complex brain which enables us to think and reason in ways different from animals and we are made in the image of God.

No matter what your humanistic teacher tells you, you are not an animal. This makes your life very precious and unique. Your life is special and deserves respect and reverence. You hold the highest place in God's creation. You are crowned with glory and honor and have been given dominion over all the other things that God created. You bear the likeness of God.

We have much in common with other forms of life, yet, God breathed into man the breath of life and he became a living soul. Man was given the special ability to understand or reason as no animal can. You have a unique ability to know and communicate with your Creator and to make moral choices. These mental, moral, and spiritual qualities distinguish you from all other creatures. This is what it means to "be made in the image of God."

When we look at it this way, when we see the real value of our life, we begin to understand how valuable it is. We need to be sure to make right decisions.

What is life? Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became one of us as a human being to restore us as sinners through His perfect life and His death on the Cross. He came to give us a NEW LIFE.

The Greek word for life is, "bios." "Zoe," denotes our spiritual life. We were born with bios, natural, physical life, dependent upon eating, breathing, sleeping, and so forth. But this part of life will end. Christ came to give us His zoe... a new kind of life... and that is where real living begins.

Eternal life is a personal fellowship with the eternal God, enjoying Him, really getting to know Him. And the glorious zoe life lasts forever. In the gospel of John, Jesus speaks of life many times. In 11:23, Jesus said, "If a man loves me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." That is a good description of REAL LIFE. Many people know nothing of it. They go through their earthly existence wondering why life is so empty, dull, drab, and meaningless. We hear so much about the meaninglessness of life today but when life is empty, it is because people have only

"bios" and know nothing of the eternal "zoe" which can be obtained only by believing in Christ. The physical side of life is the least important side of life. It is "earthly."

Paul said in Philippians 1:21, "For me to live is Christ." We must echo that statement. Life is NOT money, power, pleasure, knowledge or prestige. REAL LIFE IS JESUS CHRIST. When He is the base and goal of our living, it is going to make a difference in our outlook on every area of life. We will have Christ like attitudes toward other people, in our feelings about work and study, in dating and in marriage. It will affect all of our future goals. The Bible says unless we belong to Christ, we have no life in us. Why be lifeless when you can have a dynamic, spiritual (zoe) life in Christ. Sound simple?

Young person, REAL LIFE is forever. Many people turn up their noses at a life in the Church because they say it is a "pie in the sky" thing... and it is more sensible to be making the best of this present life than to be preparing for eternity. Wrong! This is only a proving ground for the future. The real fight doesn't take place until eternity. We are in a state of proving and preparation for eternal life with Jesus. If we belong to Christ, our bodies will be raised to live with Him forever. This life for the Christian does not close with "THE END", but rather a sign above our coffin might read, "ADDRESSEE HAS MOVED, PERMANENT ADDRESS c/o JESUS CHRIST, HEAVEN." Accept Jesus now and really live. Recommit your life to Him and understand your true identity and what life really is.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

QUESTIONS ON BAPTISM

1. Should I be concerned about baptism?

Yes. Baptism is a Bible subject that is associated with salvation in the scriptures. (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, I Pet. 3:21) The fact it is in the Bible makes it important. The fact it is associated with salvation makes it of serious concern.

2. What is baptism?

Baptize comes from the Greek word, "baptizo" which means to dip repeatedly. (See Thayer's Greek English Lexicon, page 94.) Baptism is by trine immersion, for remission of sins. (Acts 2:38, Acts 10:47) Baptism means a going down into the water, and after being baptized, coming up out of the water. (Acts 8:38-39) There is no doubt about trine immersion, it is accepted by all who believe in baptism.

3. If baptism is a command, then who is commanded to be baptized?

Men who need to be saved need baptism. To qualify for baptism one must believe the gospel, (Mark 16:16) repent of his sins (Acts 2:38) and confess he believes Jesus is God's Son, (Rom. 10:10, Acts 8:37). The taught, believing penitent who confesses his faith is a proper subject for baptism.

4. Is baptism for the saved or non-saved?

Baptism, is for those who are not saved. In the Bible no saved man was ever commanded to be baptized. One is baptized to be saved.

5. What is the aim or purpose of baptism?

It is to save. (1 Pet. 3:21) To wash away sins. (Acts 22:16) For the forgiveness of sins. (Acts 2:38) To get into Christ. (Gal. 3:27, Rom. 6:3) Before baptism, one is lost. After the baptism of a proper candidate he is saved (pardoned of past sins). Alien sinners are saved by the blood of Christ WHEN they obey the gospel, not before.

6. Does baptism put one into the Church?

Yes. It puts one into the body of Christ, which is the Church. (1 Cor. 12:13, Eph. 1:22-23) It is also the time one is forgiven of his sins and his new birth is completed. Once he believes, repents, confesses faith and is baptized he is a child of God.

7. Is baptism a condition one must meet to be saved?

Yes. No one since Pentecost was ever pardoned before baptism. Baptism was in order for the remission of non-Christian sins. (Acts 2:38).

8. Should I be concerned about baptism now?

If you haven't been baptized for the remission of sins, you should be concerned about it now. Delay is dangerous.

Bro. W. E. Bashor

1981 GENERAL CONFERENCE SERMON NOTES

Continued from May 1, 1982 Issue

Tuesday Morning Worship

Moderator: Elder Dale Jamison.

Chorister: Bro. Tom St. John.

Speaker: Bro. William Heisey. Col. 3.

We are here to seek the things of God, to build ourselves up and to fit and prepare ourselves for Heaven. We are to set our

affections on Heavenly things rather than the perishing things of this Earth. What we send up there will last. To be dead in Christ is to be so encircled by Christ that we are hid from Satan. If we are close to Christ Satan's temptations will not draw us away so readily. If we are building for Heaven we can not be the children of disobedience. We should be thankful that the plan of salvation is not just for the Jews.

If we have these things and cultivate them, it is our makeup as Christians especially a forgiving spirit. If unforgiving our light is not shining. We must have our brother and sister's welfare at heart. It pleases God for His children to sing hymns and Spiritual songs together.

He speaks of the family. The wives are to submit themselves while the husband shows love to the wife. If a husband and wife can not get along it does not show a true Christian Spirit. Disagreements can be settled in a Christian way. The children are to obey the parents even though the parents do make mistakes. When parents err they should say so to the child. Servants or employers are to obey their employers. Unions have done things that are harmful to the employers. Whatever we do such be done as if for the Lord. The Lord rewards either good or ill without respect of persons. Rev. 22:11, 14.

To Be Continued.

MARRIAGE

COVER - WALKER

Sister Carrie Cover, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joseph Cover of Tuolumne, California and Bro. David Walker, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry Walker, of Hickman, California were united in marriage April 3, 1982 at the Pleasant Home Dunkard Brethren Church, Modesto, California.

After a short message by Bro. Henry Walker, the couple was married by Bro. Joseph Cover.

The couple are at home at 325 Standiford Ave., Apt. 61, Modesto, California 95350.



WE worship a God who is real;
WE worship a God who is available;
WE worship a God who is adequate.

OBITUARIES

LEONARD WAMPLER

Bro. Leonard Wampler, Bethel, Pennsylvania died of cancer December 22, 1981 in Community General Hospital, Reading, Pennsylvania. He had been in ill health for two years.

He was born June 26, 1943 in Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania. He was the son of Mark W. Wampler, Seymour, Indiana and the late Eunice Minnich Wampler.

Bro. Wampler joined the Church of the Brethren at an early age and became a member of the Dunkard Brethren Church in August 1965.

Surviving in addition to his father and stepmother, Naomi Minnich Wampler, are his wife, Renee Snyder Wampler, two daughters, Kim, wife of Jeff Aungst; and Dawn; also two sons, Lance and Joel at home, three brothers; Glen, David and Kenneth, and one sister, Virginia Crawford.

Services were held December 27, from the Dunkard Brethren Church, Frystown, Pennsylvania, with Bro. David Kegerreis officiating. Burial was made in the adjoining cemetery.

WEEP NOT

What mean you by this weeping
To break my very heart?
We both are in Christ's keeping
And therefore cannot part.
You there — I here; though parted
We still at heart are one;
I only just in sunshine
The shadow scarcely gone.
What though the clouds surround you?
You can the brightness see —
'Tis only a little way
That leads from you to me.
I was so very weary
Surely you could not mourn
That I a little sooner
Should lay my burden down.
Then weep not, weep not darling,
God wipes away all tears.
'Tis but a little while,
Though you may call it years.

We want to thank each one who helped us get through this

terrible time of trial. And a special thanks to our home congregation for all their help and thoughtfulness. The lunch at the Church after the funeral service was very much appreciated.

Sister Renee Wampler and children

DOVER HOLLANDSWORTH

Dover D. Hollandsworth, beloved husband of Kathryn Myers Hollandsworth entered into his eternal rest, February 27, 1982 at the York Hospital, York, Pennsylvania.

They were married July 15, 1933. To this union were born three children, namely Kenneth P. Hollandsworth, Virginia Dale Hollandsworth Godfrey and Dale C. Hollandsworth. There are five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Dover was born in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, January 21, 1902. He was the son of the late Peter S. Hollandsworth and Georgia E. (Cutlip) Hollandsworth. He was a retired farmer and also a retired security guard at Pinchot State Park.

Dover attended the Mechanicsburg Dunkard Brethren Church since November 1948. He was a faithful family man and a much loved one among his family, friends and fellow employees. He is sadly missed by all.

NEWS ITEM

THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to all who remembered us with cards and letters for our 40th Wedding Anniversary. Each remembrance was appreciated very much. May God bless you all.

Brother and Sister Joseph Flora

PROFIT AND LOSS

I counted dollars while God counted Crosses;
I counted gains while He counted losses;
I counted my worth by the things gained in store,
But He sized me up by the scars that I bore.
I coveted honors and sought for degrees;
He wept as He counted the hours on my knees.
I never knew till one day by a grave
How vain are the things that we spend life to save.
I did not know till a friend went above
That richest is he who is rich in God's love.

-- writer not known

Selected by Bros. Paul Eberly

DIRECTORY OF BOARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dale E. Jamison, Chairman
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Ray R. Reed, Secretary
Box 12, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Joseph E. Flora, Chairman
R. 3 Box 12, Adel, Iowa 50003

Hayes Reed, Secretary
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

William Carpenter, Treasurer
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Harley Rush
R. 1, Converse, Indiana 46919

Galen Litfin
1314 East 7th St.
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Dale Jamison
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Jacob C. Ness
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

Frank Shaffer
13062 Grant Shook Rd
Greencastle, PA 17225

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Howard J. Surbey, Chairman
749 W. King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340

Jacob C. Ness, Secretary
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

H. Edward Johnson, Treasurer
5-1307-S.H. 108
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Dean St. John
1040 Hillsdale Road, R. 1
Camden, Michigan 49232

Warren C. Smith
McClave, Colorado 81057

BIBLE STUDY BOARD

William Carpenter, Chairman
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Eugene Kauffman, Secretary
R. 6, Box 51
Harrisburg, Virginia 22801

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

Rudolph Cover
2034 Roble Ave.
Modesto, CA 95351

Dennis St. John
Rt. 1
Bryan, Ohio 43506

RELIEF BOARD

Boyd Wyatt, Chairman
4925 Tegner Rd.
Hughson, CA 95326
209-883-4138

Newton Jamison, Secretary
512 Garfield
Quinter, Kansas 67752
913-754-3433

Kyle Reed, Treasurer
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
515-677-2467

Virgil Leatherman
419 N Queen St
Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-5753

Robert Carpenter
R. 5, Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

TORREON NAVAJO MISSION

David Skiles, Superintendent
R. 2 Box 8
Cuba, New Mexico 87013

Hayes Reed, Chairman
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

Kyle Reed, Secretary
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167

Newton Jamison, Treasurer
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Harley Flory
R. 4, Defiance, Ohio 43512

All contributions to the various Boards should be made out to the Treasury, but sent to the Secretary for his records

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

JUNE 1, 1982

NO. 11

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

TOMORROW

by Lorie C. Gooding

I always plan to do the right — Tomorrow.
I'll walk more closely in the light Tomorrow.
So many things I'm going to do;
I'll change my ways, and start anew;
I'll be so loving, brave, and true
Tomorrow.

I'll follow on to know the Lord Tomorrow.
I'll find His will and read His Word Tomorrow.
I want to walk the Christian way.
I'm very busy, though, today.
But I'll have time to read and pray
Tomorrow.

Someday I know I won't be here. Tomorrow?
I'll go beyond this earthly sphere. Tomorrow?
I'll hear death's angel call, and when
I stand before the Judge of men,
What can I say to Jesus then?
"Tomorrow"?

— Selected by Sister Martha Shaffer

GENERAL CONFERENCE

By God's Grace it is again time for another General Conference. It is a time looked forward to by many. There are many reasons for this longing. Conferences of past years have inspired us with a desire to be there again.

At General Conference we have the best opportunity to meet the greatest number of fellow members and friends. At Conference we can be with those from all parts of the Brotherhood, not just our home congregation or local district. There we have an opportunity to hear the Gospel preached. We hear new thoughts at Conference as Brethren from all parts of the Brotherhood bring messages from God's Word. We are encouraged to know that there are Brethren who still proclaim the Word in other parts of God's Moral Vineyard. The work of the Church is accomplished at General Conference. Through board meetings, Standing Committee and the business meeting, the various activities of the Church are shaped so that its work can be done efficiently, yet ever so closely to the New Testament's directions.

General Conference is communication. There is communication of our love to one another in fellowship. We have communication of the Gospel through the preached Word. There is also communication through the business that is transacted during the Conference.

Communication requires at least two people, one who sends out a message and someone to receive it. If these two do not give and receive their messages, communication has failed. Instead of communicating the love that should be amongst Christians, it fails

THE BIBLE MONITOR

JUNE 1, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

and animosity will result. Even with God's extraordinary communication of love to mankind through the gift of His Son, there is a breakdown when that gift is refused. When God's communication breaks down, it is no wonder that men's communications also fail.

The preaching of the Gospel is the communication of God's good news. Whatever part of the Bible is read and preached upon, God's message is there. It is intertwined in all the events, doctrines, warnings and promises given in the Bible. God is trying to communicate with each one. The plurality of our ministry brings the one message from God to us in different ways so we each can receive that communication. As we hear more Brethren proclaim the Word we have the opportunity to learn more of the Word. While we have the Gospel so concentrated at Conference, we may not remember all that is said, but because there is so much, more will be left with us, if we are willing to receive it. For His own purposes, God has ordained the foolishness of preaching as His means of communicating His message. Although the message bearers may falter or even fail, still they are sent by Him, through the Church, to convey the message of His love.

As Brethren we have the opportunity to communicate through the business portion of the Conference. It is through queries that the problems and questions of a congregation can be brought forward for the consideration of the entire Brotherhood at General Conference. There is safety in the multitude of counsellors. While queries sometimes may be divisive, when there are none we may have a false sense of all being well. While it might be pleasant to believe that we have no problems, it would hardly be realistic to think so. As long as imperfect men are involved in the Church there will be problems and imperfections. It is better to seek the united mind of the Church than to mask it over and cause a frustration that will grow into agitation in the future. It should be hoped that communication within the Church is not so broken down that any would be fearful to bring forth their queries in their home congregations and eventually before the Brotherhood. It is far better to proceed in this orderly way than to circumvent the decisions that are already in force.

Communications are very important in all our lives. They are especially important in the Church. The best tool of the Church for fostering good communications is the General Conference. There communications are employed and enhanced by use in fellowship, in preaching and in conducting the Church's business. May it ever be an effective tool for communicating God's message of love to mankind.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Because of the Militarism and the persecution from various strong faiths in Europe, the new Country (America) was settled by many small demoninations from 1600-1700. Most of these were of German descent and most of them, except the Puritans and the Quakers, settled in eastern Pennsylvania and Maryland. Much dissension soon arose between the denominations, which caused envy, malice and slander, both in conversation and print. An effort was made about 1740 to have representatives from each denomination gather together for a series of conferences (synods) to discuss and adopt a more nearly uniform practice of religion.

After a few of these meetings were held, the Tunkers and several others, refused to go any farther with this movement because several practices had been adopted which were contrary to the New Testament teachings.

The Tunkers rather proposed to have a yearly meeting of their own, to unify and edify themselves. The first Annual Meeting, on record, of the Dunkard Faith (Tunkers) was held in 1742. Because printing and keeping records was not as easy then as today, it is not definitely known if a meeting was held every year or not. The first Minutes on record are those of 1778, and a number of Minutes from 1778 to 1830 are missing.

It is interesting and instructive to read of the trials and problems of our fore-fathers down through the years until now. But we should especially be impressed with the zeal and tenacity with which they held to the Doctrine of the New Testament and labored to unify and build one another up, in light of the problems that arose from the numerous changes in our Country since they settled here.

We should be thankful that our church, from its beginning, has been founded upon the New Testament and governed by a democratic form of government. The applications of the New Testament being made, either by members directly or by their representatives.

Referring to Acts 15, which we consider to be an account of the first Conference the followers of Christ ever had, let us notice several points worth our consideration:

A disagreement arose in the early church, especially at Antioch, about what was to be required of members, particularly those of the Gentiles.

They discussed the problems together and tried to settle it, Acts 15:2.

They decided to send representatives to a meeting of the church leaders at Jerusalem.

The church brought them on their way. They preached, tried to build up the various churches and caused joy on their way.

I do not find that they tried to gain support for their own individual opinion of the questions, along the journey.

When the meetings took place at Jerusalem, all were given a chance to speak of their understanding of the questions.

When one talked the others held their peace.

They recognized the power of the Holy Spirit to direct them. We do not have it in so many words, but I am convinced that they prayed much for the success of the meeting.

They used God's Word to substantiate their reasoning.

The conclusion pleased them and they decided to inform the churches of what was decided.

They sent chosen men to inform the churches. Spiritual men, those who had suffered and sacrificed for the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

These representatives delivered the epistle.

The people rejoiced when they heard the decisions.

The representatives encouraged and exhorted the early church that it might be united. At some places they felt it would be wise to stay awhile and teach them.

"And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." Acts 16:4-5.

Brother Howard J. Surbey

Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

"LAID UP IN A NAPKIN"

Luke 19:11-28

Jesus gave many illustrations or parables to the multitudes that followed Him. One of these was about a nobleman who went into a far country to receive a kingdom and return. Before he left he called his ten servants and delivered unto them ten pounds. It is understood that they each received one pound or about \$15.00 or \$20.00 in our money. (One translation says \$200.00) After he had given them the money he said, "occupy till I come." Because the nobleman would be gone for a time, he wanted his servants to invest his money and make a profit. They were to take his place and have something to do while their master was gone. He did not intend for them to sit around and do nothing.

After he returned, having received the kingdom, he called his servants unto him that he might know how every man had gained by trading. People in those days bought and sold merchandise of all kinds like many do today. It takes ambition and salesmanship to make a profit. The Jewish people have always been good at buying and selling. They know how to make money.

The first servant came and said, "Lord, thy pound has gained ten pounds." This was a tremendous gain! He said unto him, "Well, thou good and faithful servant: because you have been faithful in very little you may have authority over ten cities." Another servant came saying, "Lord, the pound you gave me has gained five pounds. So he said unto him, "Be thou also over five cities." Then another servant came to him saying, "Lord, behold, here is your pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin, for I feared thee." Seemingly, the servant couldn't trust himself to invest the money because he was afraid he might lose it. The master said, "You wicked servant, why didn't you put the money in the bank and get interest?" This servant hadn't thought about that. He was evidently careless and indifferent. So the Lord said, "Take from him the pound and give it to him that hath ten pounds." And Jesus said, "For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him."

Jesus has entrusted to us a life that is very valuable. We have the intellect and certain talents that God has given us as individuals. When we become born-again believers in Jesus, He expects something of us. We must grow in the knowledge and the truth of the Lord and then use that knowledge to help others. Jesus didn't mean we have to make a lot of money. He only used that as an illustration so we could get the message. He wants us to be active, helpful, willing workers in the church. Jesus was our example: He wasn't rich in money — or in property — houses or lands but He was the greatest when it came to helping others. He was tempted in all points as we are — yet without sin. He was holy, undefiled and separate from sinners. He did eat and converse with sinners but He didn't sin. Jesus had something to do and give. He died on the old rugged cross so that we could have our sins forgiven and have everlasting life. Can you follow in His steps or would you rather be idle and lazy in the work of the Master? Don't disregard the valuable things God has given you to use for His service. Don't lay up your pound in a napkin!

Brother Rudy Cover

WE LOVE YOU ANYWAY

There are many kinds of love in this world, some the giving kind, others very selfish types of love. Some people's idea of love is, "I love you for what you can give to me," while others love unconditionally. Unconditional love is like God's love, the kind which loves us in spite of what we are or what we've been. God didn't withhold His love until a time when we were good (that time would never come) but loved us while we were yet sinners (Rom. 5:8). In His way, God said, "I love you anyway."

A young woman, in talking about her spiritual life, said, "I know I'm not doing what I'm supposed to. I have a lot of shaping up to do yet." Her friend said, "Yes, we know that, but we love you anyway." The young woman was in a bad situation and needed help. She was greatly encouraged to know she was loved even though she wasn't measuring up spiritually. She desperately needed support and understanding, not rejection and "I can't be bothered with you right now."

If this young woman had received a tongue-lashing, reminding her of all her failures, the discouragement would have been greater than she could bear. Because of her messed-up life, she was already discouraged and needed someone to help her, not make her load heavier. The help she needs can only come from Christ, and He loves her anyway, not just when she's doing right. As God's children, we should do the same.

Do you love your children when they disobey, or only when they're good? Do you love them even when you are sure they aren't being honest with you? Or does your love stop where their disobedience begins? When a parent says, "Go away, I don't want you when you're naughty," the child feels rejected, not corrected. How much better it would be to say, "I know you've been naughty, but I love you anyway. Maybe you can do better next time." This same principle applies spiritually, whether it is one of your children or someone else's.

How far does your love for God's children go? You say that's different than loving your own, but is it really? God loves us in spite of what we are — disobedient, alienated by sin until we accept Christ. You and I tend to forget what we have been (sinners) and what we are now (sinners saved by grace) and see only what someone else is now. Accepting and loving a person in spite of all their sins and shortcomings does not mean we accept their sin, so try to see them as they would be in Christ.

The need for salvation is universal, therefore it is personal and applies to everyone. "But he was wounded for OUR trans-

gressions, he was bruised for OUR iniquities: the chastisement of OUR peace was upon him; and with his stripes WE are healed. All WE like sheep have gone astray; WE have turned every one to HIS own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of US ALL." Isa. 53:5-6. Jew or Gentile, bond or free, we have all sinned and must be personally forgiven.

The privilege of receiving salvation is also universal. John 3:16 says "whosoever" and I Tim. 2:4 says "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." Our need of salvation puts us on the same level. This need-level does not change, for we never outgrow our need of Christ. What right then do we have to look down our noses at someone else? Instead we should remember that but for the grace of God, it could be us with the messed-up life.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:38-39. None of this has the power to separate us from God's love. What does it take to separate someone from your love?

A Christian is to "walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us." (Eph. 5:2). A Christian is to speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15), and to love one another as Christ loves us (John 15:12). If someone needs help, encouragement or correction, our response should be directed by love. Yet a modern day atheist said, "Christianity is the only organization which destroys its dropouts." Shame on us when we are like chickens pecking an injured one to death! This person hasn't been able to see the love which should be there. Would she see it in your life?

It is love which lifts us up out of sin. It is love and concern which lifts our spirits when trials come. It is love which touches our hearts and brings out the best in us. It is love which causes us to pray and seek God's care for another. If we bottle up our love and save it for certain "deserving" people, we hinder Christ's work in the lives of those around us. Don't wait for perfection; try loving someone anyway and see what God will do.

Sister Eileen Broadwater

ABOMINATIONS UNTO GOD

In reading God's Word, I believe it's very important to find out the meaning of words that we don't understand. We want to give the definition of the word "abomination" before we begin. According to Webster's Dictionary, "abomination", means, "extreme disgust and hatred; abhorrence; detestation; loathing. That which is abominable, anything hateful or shamefully vile."

We would like to bring our thoughts from a few Old Testament verses and one in the New Testament. Deut. 7:25-26 says, "The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing." The graven images we have today may not be the gold and silver idols that the heathen worshipped back then. I believe today they are material possessions that we want to have or the position on the job, that we're striving for. These are not wrong when done unselfishly. But when they come between you and God and your family, they become a graven image. It's very important that we spend time praying and studying God's precious Word. The child of God gets his strength from these two things. It is also important that we spend time with our families, that the band of God's love can be established and strengthened. Satan may get us so wrapped up in worldly ambitions that they become number one in our lives. Brothers and Sisters, I pray that your mind and efforts are seeking the kingdom of God first.

Deut. 22:5 says, "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God." Today we see many women that would rather be in a pair of pants than a modest dress. People say it is more modest to do this or that in a pair of pants than in a dress. If so, maybe the women shouldn't be in that certain situation, if for no other reason than that which was quoted. I don't know of any men that want to put on a woman's garment, but I'm sure there are some in the big cities. Can you imagine how disgusting that is to God? He says it is an abomination unto Him. Surely we want to do what is pleasing to God. God has given us His Word so that we may have a road map to heaven.

Proverbs 11:20 says, "They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the Lord:" A froward heart is one that is obstinately willful; refractory, contrary, unmanageable; not yielding to reason or arguments. How many times have we not listened to someone because what they said was the truth and it stepped on our toes?

Though they brought it to us in a loving way, it still hurt, and something just wouldn't let us listen and heed what was said. There are many times we find ourselves in the wrong, according to God's Word. The thought might come to us "Surely I'm not wrong. I've been a Christian for many years." Brothers and Sisters, along with a froward heart, I believe there is also pride. Proverbs 8:13 says, "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate." These things must be overcome. We must be Christlike. To lead others to Christ we need to show consistency in our lifestyle. Something that doesn't rock to and fro in the storms of life. Let us put on the meek and humble spirit of Christ, and accept God's Word as it is.

Proverbs 17:15 says, "He that justifieth the wicked and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the Lord." Today's worldly churches seem to want to justify many things that God speaks out against. We're thinking of adultery, homosexuality, women wearing men's clothing, and many other things. It's time the true and living Church of God stood on the Holy Word of God. We don't need to let down our standards to increase our numbers. We need to lift up those standards even higher as we see the Day of the Lord approaching, as we know Satan will be working harder than ever before. I believe we will possibly be confronted with this wickedness. Brothers and Sisters, the world is watching us. II Cor. 3:2 "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:" to see whether the church will justify this wickedness or take a stand against it. "To each his own" seems to be a philosophy that is quite popular now. This type of thinking is not of God, but of men. We can't use this to justify wickedness, and expect to reach that Heavenly Shore. God hates sin. There is scripture that will possibly help us to try harder to remove it from our lives. Ps. 5:4 says, "For thou are not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil dwell with thee." Ps. 11:5 "The Lord trieth the righteous but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth." We need not justify the sin that is about us just to gain a friend or another Church member. Such things last for a short time, but the consequences last for eternity.

Jesus says in Luke 16:15, "Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." Brothers and Sisters, are we those that justify ourselves before men? Do we compare ourselves to others and feel that we're not so bad after all? When we stand before the Almighty God we will give an account of our lives and only ours. We ourselves have to be the one that goes to the Throne of Grace and ask forgiveness. We're thinking of Moses. Only one thing kept him from the Promised

Land. I believe only one thing will keep us from heaven. Don't try and justify yourselves, but come to the Lord on your knees and let God take care of the sin that is in your life. Christ went on to say that "God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." The Pharisees were looked up to and probably even well known by men for their so-called righteousness. It seems as though this is the position that they were seeking; that of being esteemed by men, instead of seeking the Kingdom of God. I have to wonder if this isn't the goal of many men and women. We should be following the footsteps of the meek and lowly Saviour. Christ wasn't seeking a fancy title or reputation. He came to give the plan of salvation to all and to give us an example. We should be known by our Godly lives and our simple and modest lives. God forbid that a material goal should overcome our desire to be like our Lord and Saviour.

These are just a few of the scriptures concerning abominations. Lord willing, by this article we can get a glimpse of what God hates. I know most of them are in the Old Testament, but I don't believe God will accept them today.

May the Lord add His blessings.

In Christ's Love
Brother Dave Snyder

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT IS LIFE

Part 2

LIFE IS BEING. From "Hamlet" we read, "To be or not to be." For most of us it is not a matter of choosing life or death, but rather what to be. What kind of person do you want to be? We hear so much about "finding yourself" today. We should rather think about choosing. Do you choose to be insincere, boastful, prejudiced, a promise breaker or in general a phony. Christ hates pretense. There is nothing phony about Him. He is genuine. The better you learn to know Him, the more you will find how true this is and the more comfortable you will be with yourself.

You need to accept yourself as God created you. You need self confidence or God confidence in this world that is hostile to the Christian. Try not to compare yourself with everyone else but compare yourself with what you used to be and what God wants you to be.

In our society it is easy to feel that you are not important as a person, but that you are just a cog in the machinery. Remember

that God loves you personally and He understands you.

LIFE IS PEOPLE. Since human relationships are so important in this life it is critical to cultivate the ability to get along with others. To get along we need to develop a genuine interest in them. It is far too easy to wrap ourselves in our own little bundle and let the rest of the world go by. This is a selfish attitude. Don't be a faultfinder, but be a gossip-squelcher! The Bible is intensely practical. How do you like to be treated? Treat others accordingly.

LIFE IS LEARNING. We need to cultivate the practice of studying, learning, and growing all through life. Don't go through life with a closed mind. Remember that the learning of the world is foolish. It has to do with man-made, philosophical systems which attempt to devise schemes for finding the ultimate good without taking into account God's revealed will. The learning of God's Word is life.

LIFE IS BELIEVING. Christianity did not evolve from an invention of man. Rather God revealed it Himself. We chase after so many things to bring some happiness in this life rather than pursuing Christ and drawing ourselves to His will. Christ will meet all of our innermost needs. He alone gives meaning to life.

Get into the Bible. It is a value builder, a goal builder, a builder of a positive outlook on life.

LIFE IS LOVING. God's very nature is love. He made us to be creatures who love and are loved. We are living in an immature society that equates love with sex or even with weakness. But remember, the lack of self discipline in any area of our life is a mark of immaturity.

LIFE IS HAVING. Up front, that sounds like "things" of this world will satisfy us. Wrong! When will we ever learn that? You are motivated by the mass media to want, covet, buy, buy, buy. The Bible has a lot to say about the things we possess, or would like to. Material things make poor gods. We need to practice better stewardship. In general, having is not sin, but our attitude about what we have and the way we use it can be sin.

LIFE IS CHOOSING. Psychologists point out that facing decisions causes feelings of insecurity in many people. The Christian has the advantage here. You can know God's guidance in all the circumstances of life. We can't sit around and be passive and wait for a spectacular vision. God expects us to use our minds. Choose all things through the power of the Spirit. Choose to serve God.

LIFE IS ENJOYMENT. Let no one tell you the opposite. The Bible maintains that you can really enjoy life after you know Jesus

as your personal Saviour. Too many people see God as sort of a cosmic policeman with a big club, just daring someone to have fun. God can bring a zest to life, a richness and delight which can't be described.

At times we all feel like only a tiny wire in the great communication network of the world. But each little wire has a part to play in carrying a message. If one goes out... no message! The Great Designer has planned us to be precision made parts for the work of the Kingdom. Fulfill that obligation.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

I have been asked several times if I believe that as times change so does Christ. I always tell them to read the Word of God and they will find that He is the same Christ. He never changes. Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He was in the beginning. He is the beginning and the end. He is the center of all ages. "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." He is there today, the same Christ that trod on this old earth leading souls to see a better life, healing their bodies and making them fishers of men.

If we follow this Christ, He will give us strength for the responsibilities of the days ahead. If we plan to invest what we have on the side of right, confiding in God, our investment will be eternally safe. If we walk with Christ at our side, we will be able to meet each rising sun with the knowledge that no temptation will be more than we can meet. Let us not be idle or shrink or hesitate when the Saviour calls, for we are to give Him our whole life. Let us examine and see if we are living for Christ. Where is our faith, on the Solid Rock or in the sinking sand?

If we don't want to trade with the devil, let us keep out of his shop. We could learn a lot from the mistakes we make if we weren't too busy denying that we made them. Let us live close to the doctrines that we believe in. We have heard it said that doctrine is the framework of life — the skeleton of truth, to be clothed and rounded out by the living grace of a holy life. So you worry alot? I know there are times when each of us do worry. I wonder if we are trusting in Christ when we do. We are not when we do worry, because when we are trusting we are not worrying. We need divine assistance. No one can succeed without the help of our dear Saviour.

Let each of us remember that this blessed Saviour died so each of us could have a home in Heaven. Are we daily praying that we will be ready when Christ calls us home? Prayer is a wonderful thing. We as His children can't pray too often. Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God. Are we really Christians? The Bible places great importance upon Christians being one in heart and soul. Do we love those of the beloved Church? Do we love some more than others? Let us always remember that love draws us closer together, but if we hate someone, that will pull us apart. Jesus came to unite us. Satan is trying to tear us apart. Let us remember that every Christian is a stone in God's temple, we all have our place, different from others and important in its own way. But remember each one counts with the Saviour of mankind.

Some tell us Christians are like tea. Their real strength is not drawn out until they get into hot water. If Christianity is worth having, let us share it with our friends. Let each of us show by our lives that we are preparing for that Home above.

Sister E. M. Alltus

OBITUARY

HARRY GUNDERMAN

Elder Harry M. Gunderman, son of James and Mahalia Gunderman, was born August 18, 1896, in New Paris, Indiana. The Lord called him home on April 11, 1982, following a two week illness. In 1917 he married Susan Frame. She died in 1921. He was married May 27, 1923 to Clara Mae Swihart, who survives. Also surviving are a son, Reinhold Gunderman and a daughter, Mrs. Woodrow (Ruth) Wilson, both of Goshen; seven grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Mae Haines of Nappanee and a brother, Frank Gunderman, of South Bend.

A son, Harry J., who was killed during World War II, two grandchildren, a brother and a sister preceded him in death.

He accepted his Lord as Saviour and became a member of the Church of the Brethren in 1910. In 1927 he joined the Dunkard Brethren Church of Goshen. He was ordained to the ministry in 1937 in Vienna, Virginia, where he lived with his family for eight years. He was installed to the office of Elder on September 18, 1943, at Goshen, Indiana.

Services were held Wednesday, April 14, 1982 at the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen, Indiana, with Elder Edward Johnson and Elder Harley Flory officiating. Burial was in West Goshen Cemetery with Elder Harley Rush closing the services.

SIDE BY SIDE

Side by side we walked together
Up the mountain rough and steep.
Through the valleys deep with shadows,
And the mire around our feet.
Side by side we walked together
In the sunshine bright O'er head,
Abiding in His promises
And the blessings round us spread.
Now you've gone and we are parted,
God has willed it in His plan,
Loving thoughts and fondest memories
Will linger long throughout life's span.
You've been a loving father,
Husband, teacher, friend to all,
We shall miss you oh so greatly
But you answered to His call.
Side by side no more we'll travel
I must walk the path alone,
But we'll meet again up yonder
Gathered round that Great White Throne.

Selected

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation for the love that was shown in so many ways during this difficult time.

NEWS ITEMS

MINISTERIAL LIST CHANGE

The new address of Elder D. Paul Reed is: Box 220-B, Pilot, Virginia 24138.

BETHEL, PENNSYLVANIA

The Bethel Congregation held revival meetings March 21 to April 4 with Elder Dale Jamison, Quinter, Kansas, coming into our midst. Bro. Dale brought to us many spirit filled messages for our daily living, strengthening the Church, and telling of the gift of salvation, through Christ, to those who were lost.

We were made to rejoice for the three precious souls who came forward for the Lord.

We were glad to have Sis. Doris with us during these meetings. May the Lord richly bless Bro. Dale and give him many more years in the Master's service.

Spring lovefeast services were held April 25. Visiting ministers throughout the day were: Brethren Laverne Keeney, Frank Shaffer, Paul Stump, Jack Snyder and Merle Sweitzer with Bro. Stump officiating in the evening.

Sister Fern Kegerreis, Cor.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR JUNE, 1982**DELIVER**

Memory Verse: Eze. 33:5

He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

Tues. 1 - Eze. 7:1-27

Wed. 2 - Eze. 11:1-25

Thur. 3 - Eze. 13:1-23

Fri. 4 - Eze. 14:1-23

Sat. 5 - Eze. 25:1-17

Memory Verse: Eze. 33:9

Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Sun. 6 - Eze. 33:1-16

Mon. 7 - Eze. 33:17-33

Tues. 8 - Eze. 34:1-16

Wed. 9 - Eze. 34:17-31

Thur. 10 - Dan. 3:1-30

Fri. 11 - Dan. 6:1-28

Sat. 12 - Dan. 12:1-13

Memory Verse: Dan. 3:17 & 18

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Sun. 13 - Joel 2:1-17

Mon. 14 - Joel 2:18-32

Tues. 15 - Ob. 1-21

Wed. 16 - Hab. 2:1-20

Thur. 17 - Zeph. 1:1-18

Fri. 18 - Zec. 2:1-13

Sat. 19 - Mal. 3:1-18

Memory Verse: Dan. 12:1

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth or the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Sun. 20 - Matt. 5:1-26

Mon. 21 - Matt. 10:1-26

Tues. 22 - Matt. 11:1-30

Wed. 23 - Matt. 20:1-19

Thur. 24 - Matt. 24:1-28

Fri. 25 - Matt. 25:1-30

Sat. 26 - Matt. 26:1-25

Memory Verse: Joel 2:32

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

Sun. 27 - Matt. 27:1-23

Mon. 28 - Matt. 27:24-44

Tues. 29 - Matt. 27:45-66

Wed. 30 - Mark 9:1-32

Memory Verses: Matt. 11:27

All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any many the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Matt. 27:26

Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

JUNE 15, 1982

NO. 12

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

WHAT GOD HATH DONE

Jean Jones

God took the strength of the mighty oak,
The steadfastness of the mountain tall,
The warmth of the rising sun --
He used them one and all.

He took endurance from the hardy pine,
Love vast as the rolling sea,
Peace from the mountain stream,
And the heart of the dogwood tree.

He took from spring her promise,
From the summer the beauty of life,
Courage from the winter's struggle,
And added faith to meet the strife.

He took the soul of the twilight hour,
The rich mellowness of the fall,
The depth of the quiet lake,
And the mystery of the wild bird's call.

A FATHER God molded from these things
To lead each home aright,
Down the path the Savior trod,
Out of darkness into light.

— Selected by Sister Sarah L. Musselman

THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY

The minister's work is more involved than may appear at first glance. While it looks uncomplicated to give a public discourse once a week, there are more duties that are not so public but yet are just as important.

The ministry is not an activity that a man lightly assumes for himself. It is by the call of the Church. The minister's authority is not self-sought but is bestowed by the congregation's united call. Without the authority of the Church's call and charge, one going out on his own authority will not have the power to correctly serve God. The ministry is often viewed as a profession that demands the adulation of those who are under its influence. The word, "minister" means "servant" so the minister is to serve. While he may or may not serve in physical or material things, he must definitely serve in Spiritual duties to his people. Many have reversed this role and seek to have the people serve the ministry. This is especially apparent among those who use the title of "Reverend," which is a name reserved for God.

The most obvious work of the ministry is public preaching. This is an important work. While many have berated preaching, contending that it is unproductive, still it is the way God has ordained for the Gospel to be taken out. Many alternative methods have been tried but none have the sanction of God. While preaching may seem foolish to many, God has used it to evangelize, teach and motivate men since the time of Christ. Preaching is more than standing before a group of people speaking about God. Preaching is conveying the very message that God would have given at that particular time. The message is

THE BIBLE MONITOR

JUNE 15, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

not merely informative but it should also motivate the hearers to obey the Word of God.

Preaching must be preceded by study. Even if a sermon is delivered extemporaneously there must be study so it will have substance rather than vain repetition. When serious study precedes the sermon, not only do the hearers receive the milk and the meat of the Word, but the one studying gains even more. He will learn more than he can ever share with his listeners. The minister's study is not limited to "book" studies but by observing human nature and other events in the everyday world, that will provide a knowledge helpful in sharing God's Word.

The minister's Bible study also allows him to fulfill his duties as a teacher. The minister is charged with teaching his flock. This may be through his preaching or in other ways. His instruction may be doctrinal, motivational or deeper word study. This teaching dare not be pedantic. It must be a practical lesson. It can not be hair-splitting, speculative debate over some obscure subject. It must be vital in the everyday lives of those who hear. Teaching is not only bringing forth new and deep things. Teaching is often accomplished through repetition. The human mind must hear something many times to be convinced. Thus the repetition of the Scripture's lessons over and over, while not novel, is the way to seal those lessons in the minds of the listeners.

The teaching duties also form part of the counseling duties of the minister. As a servant the minister should be available to give counsel to those who seek it. Counsel should be Biblical. Counseling does not demand a great knowledge of worldly subjects that is often associated with counseling among worldly counselors. Judicious questions and prayerful suggestions are a part of the counselor's tools. As a servant the minister should give the best advice he can, but it must always be advice, not orders. To have the confidence of those who seek his help, he must protect the confidentiality of his counseling. He can have a great influence in the lives of those he serves through his godly advice and Biblical wisdom.

The ministry is involved in leadership within the Church. Leadership may seem the opposite of being a servant. But leadership, rightly used, is a service performed for those who follow. To make decisions affecting many lives and souls is not easy. Rightly used leadership becomes a service to the Brotherhood.

The work of the ministry is an important part of the work of the Church. The important thing is that the work of the ministry must be based on the Word of God. If based on any other foundation, the ministry will fail in its great mission.

When we think only of the visible work of the ministry in preaching we may not appreciate all that the work of the ministry

involves. We should appreciate that God has entrusted His work to those who conscientiously fulfill the work of the ministry.

WORSHIP

In Psa. 39:3 we find these words, "My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned." This expression of David's has been precious to me for many years. The Scriptures plainly teach us to worship God. We believe that God created man to give Him praise and glory.

Basically there are three kinds of worship, public, family and secret. Each has its place and is scriptural. Just now we will consider the latter. First know this, all worship must come from the heart (inner most being of man) if it is to be acceptable to our God.

Secret worship does not imply that we must always be in secret when we engage in secret worship. I believe, however, that being alone with God in a physical sense is most conducive to secret worship. It is when we are alone with our thoughts that we can best enter into secret devotion. David said, "While I was musing the fire burned." If we were to keep an account of our thoughts for one week, how often would it be, that they were turned to God, and how often in thinking of Him, we worshiped Him? All around us we can observe the handiwork of the Creator. I believe that David found worship to be an enjoyable experience. Do you?

God gave us a mind so that we could meditate or think. I believe that He intended that we think of Him often, perhaps much more often than we do. The thoughts of Eternity and of our place in it should humble us and help us also with David to say, "Lord make me to know mine end." David was a great musician, but it was not while he was enjoying the music of his harp that the fire of devotion burned, but while he was musing (meditating).

There are other inspiring examples of secret worship recorded in the Bible. I Sam. 1:13 reveals the heart thoughts of Hannah, the mother of Samuel, as she worshipped God in secret, (though in the presence of Eli, the Priest). Daniel also was a man who practiced secret worship, though far from his homeland, he did not forget his God.

When we go into the house of God, before the appointed time for the worship service, it would be well to meditate on eternal themes that we might be better prepared to enter into the spirit of worship. It may require practice to take control of our minds and fix them on eternal things, but it can be done. We will be the richer for the effort.

If properly approached, a walk in God's great out-of-doors can be helpful to meditation or secret worship. It has been said

"Meditation, which is the mother of devotion, is the daughter of retirement." Retirement from the world and its activities for a time will bring opportunities for meditation. In general we are far too busy with temporal matters to render to God the things that are His. If we draw near to God, He will draw near to us. "And thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

Brother Joseph E. Flora
R.R. 3, Box 12, Adel, Iowa

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"THE WORLD IS CALLING"

We are living IN the world system and I am sure at some time we are all tempted to be OF the world system. We are all tempted to sin.

When you received Christ, you became a "new creature" (II Cor. 5:17). You became new inside and that new self was "created in righteousness and holiness" (Eph. 4:24). But as long as you live on this earth, you must contend with the old self that is so easily attracted to sin. The problem is literally built in!

Have you ever had the attitude that "I was sinking deep in sin... Yahoo?" "Love Lifted Me" is a beautiful hymn, but I think you will get the point. The Christian's old self loves sin!

"The flesh lusteth (sets its desire) against the Spirit (Gal. 5:17)." The word, "desire" means a deep craving. The old self deeply craves the opposite of what the Spirit wants us to be. Our Spirit-controlled self does not want to succumb to the world system, but sometimes the old self craves to give in.

The world offers all kinds of sinful treats that appeal to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (I John 2:16). The old self delights in wickedness.

Sin is always deceptive. It looks so good in the temptation stage. Remember, Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. (II Cor. 11:14) He will make the most gross sin appear as harmless as apple pie. Think how television commercials push worldly products and life-styles. Fabulous foods, the "best in music," shapely ladies and muscular men all look like the "good life." Remember, sin is attractive in the world system because of its deceptive appeal to the old self. As a disciple of Christ, you are surrounded by an attractive, tempting world of sin. That fact is unavoidable.

You are "tempted when you are drawn away of your own lust." (James 1:14) Temptation has two prime ingredients: your own evil desires and an enticement.

Temptation is the special work of the "rulers, powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph. 6:12) They are the invisible controllers of the world system. You are up against a literal army of evil. This is no friendly street brawl! Only by the POWER (from Greek word, "dunamin," meaning "dynamite") of the Holy Spirit can you fight sin and temptation.

You are attacked through the desires of the body... to do anything that "feels good." Your ego is attacked with the sin of "this will make you look good!" Finally, temptation attacks you by appealing to your "be your own god complex." Your concept of the living God becomes distorted and worldly.

Young person, you can be free from worldly manipulation only by deciding to rebel against the world and give your life over whole-heartedly to God. You are "peculiar" as a true disciple of Jesus. You are peculiar because Jesus Christ "owns you." You have been "bought with a price."

May God bless you as you grow in discernment, in really trying to understand what worldliness is, and in overcoming temptation to give in to it. Take hold of the promise, "... but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (I Cor. 10:13)

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

A MILE IN MY SHOES

Many people are facing a critical situation each day. Whatever the crisis is, it can loom very large before them. It may seem like a greater threat than it actually is, but that usually can't be seen until the critical hour has passed. Jesus is sufficient for each need that we have, a fact that does not change, but our ability to trust Him and lean on His sufficiency isn't always the same. People's hearts cry out for someone to understand, to help them cope when they can't reach out in faith alone. Two are better than one. (Ecc. 4:9)

Why are two better than one? "For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up." Ecc. 4:10. When life batters us and distresses us until we don't know which end is up, we do need help. With a little wisdom and understanding, with a heart of compassion and concern, we can help each other in times of need, and we should. We don't shut up our "bowels of compassion" when

someone needs food or clothes, and neither should we ignore their other needs.

As you stand on the sidelines watching someone in a difficult situation, it may be easy to say, "I don't know what's so disturbing. I could handle that." Don't be so sure unless you have experienced something similar, as another's burdens always look easier to bear than your own. The fact is you do not know how you would cope with any situation until you face it yourself. It is easy to suppose many things and hope to do everything just right, but when the test comes, it may be another story. You could end up feeling very dismayed at your own inadequacy. You who thought your faith was strong, you who thought you knew how to reach God when you pray, what will happen when the roof comes crashing in and everything goes wrong at once? When you don't know which way to turn, what will you do?

Trying to walk a mile in someone else's shoes in your mind is hard to do unless you have had a similar experience. However, you can learn to be more understanding. You can have a greater depth of compassion if you will consider how you would feel if the same thing happened to you. Consider also how you would like to be treated if it were you. Even though you can't say "I know how you feel", you can say, "I'm not sure I understand, but I care and I will pray for you."

In observing someone under pressure, you may think you understand the problem, the crisis or whatever the trial is. In reality you may only be seeing a part of the problem and the resulting distress. You probably only see a small portion of the mountains surrounding this valley of trial and heartache, and if you aren't careful, you may be like Job's friends. They added to his misery and made his load heavier, when they thought they were helping him.

In the end, it was Job who prayed and interceded for them (see Job 42:7-8). Yet his friends had thought they had all the answers and spent time in telling him so. Not one of them realized the intensity of Job's grief, his soul-searching and distress, nor did they understand what caused all the trouble. They were actually speaking in ignorance, but that didn't keep them from accusing him.

Troubles and trials do one of two things: bring out the best in you or the "beast" in you. No, you won't act like an animal, but the pressure will either bring out your good points and you'll bear it with grace, or it will bring out your bad points. When the heat is on, you will find out what you are made of. There is where your spirit is laid bare and you are shown a true picture of yourself. Job

bore his trial with grace, retained his integrity and faith in God. Will you, when your test comes?

No one ever has all the answers, and no one else can live by your personal rules and convictions. Sometimes advice amounts to little more than a lot of hot air. Instead of advising, listen. Instead of accusing, intercede. Uplift rather than criticize and put someone down; encourage rather than discourage. Even though you can't walk a mile in my shoes and I can't in yours, we can help and support each other in Christ. Without that, life would be a crushing burden.

Cain asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The answer is yes. Jesus said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Mark 12:31. In Matt. 7:12, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." "Bear ye one another's burdens." Gal. 6:2. You can't escape the fact that you have a responsibility to those around you. When someone needs help, give it, and give more than token assistance. Even though you can't literally walk a mile in another's shoes, you can go the second mile and give a little extra help. In this you can walk beside your neighbor and learn a little of what it's like to walk a mile in his shoes.

Sister Eileen Broadwater

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

"SHE WIPED HIS FEET WITH HER HAIR"

John 12:2-11; Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9

Lazarus was raised from the dead! He had been dead four days — placed in a tomb. Jesus told them to roll the stone away and called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth" and Lazarus came forth — alive and well. Jesus didn't do things in a complicated way. He didn't use up a lot of time in rituals and ceremonies — making a big thing of His miracles. He simply called the dead back to life, healed the sick with a touch or fed the multitude with only five loaves and two fishes. The people were astounded at His miracles. His name was talked about by everyone. Even those who hated Him couldn't ignore the tremendous popularity He had.

Six days before the passover (the greatest celebration the Jews held) they made a supper for Jesus in the house of Simon, the leper. I don't know but I suppose Jesus had healed him of his leprosy. It was at the little town of Bethany where Lazarus, Martha and Mary lived. Lazarus was at the supper too and Martha was serving. Martha was always there helping out with meals. There

were many others there too — probably not to eat but to see Jesus and Lazarus also. If we heard today, that someone we knew was alive after they had died, we would want to see them too.

In comes Mary; that Mary who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to His wonderful words. This time Mary had another purpose. She brought a pound of ointment of spikenard — a very rare and a costly perfume — and poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair. The whole house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. I suppose Jesus' disciples were there; Judas was for sure. When he saw what Mary had done he complained about it to Jesus and said, "Why was not this ointment sold for 300 pence (a year's wages) and given to the poor?" The Bible says he really didn't care for the poor but was a thief and carried the money for the disciples. Judas was the one who later betrayed Jesus in the garden.

Listen to what Jesus said, "Let her alone, against the day of my burying hath she kept this (or in preparation for my burial)." I think this tells us something about Mary. The disciples and those who were close to Jesus didn't seem to understand that Jesus was to die for the sins of the world: that is what He came for — it was God's purpose. Even though He told them that he must die and the third day rise again, they just didn't get it — but Mary did. By listening intently to Jesus from time to time and believing what He said, she knew that Jesus was going to give His life on the cross for her — for you and me — for everyone that would choose to live for Him. Seeing her brother come out of the tomb alive, she knew Jesus would live again too. Jesus had said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Mary couldn't do enough for her Jesus! She gave the best she had and loved Him enough to wipe His feet with her hair. Jesus said, "The poor always you have with you but me you have not always" and "Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman has done be told for a memorial of her." How Mary's heart must have thrilled to know that she had done just the right thing for Jesus.

We can't do what Mary did for Jesus but we can live for Him. Jesus wants us to keep Him first in our lives. We should feel like Mary when she wiped His feet with her hair. You just can't do enough for Jesus!

Brother Rudy Cover



To be able to bear provocation is an argument of great reason, and to forgive it of a great mind. — Tillotson.

REASON FOR STUDYING

It seems that He offers us all good things on condition that we become like Him. But what is He like? What is His disposition, temper, attitude, nature? Surely all who are discontented with themselves will want to study the character of Jesus.

"Behold, the Man" He is the express image of the faultless person. The more we study Him the richer is our knowledge of the heart of God.

The beloved disciples said, "We beheld His Glory." Not until we know Him as a comrade do we get from Him what He has to give.

Sources — "These are written that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that believing ye might have life through his name."

SINCERITY OF JESUS

"And when thou prayest thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of streets that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward." Matt. 6:5.

PHRASES OFTEN SAID TO CHILDREN:

1. "Do you mean what you are saying?"
2. "Are you telling me what you really feel?"
3. "Are you concealing from me things which I ought to know?"

Sincerity is the very blood and breath of friendship. It is a penitentiary offense to obtain money under false pretenses, and so from this we carefully refrain. But how many other things are obtained do you think, by shamming and pretending, for which there is no penalty but the condemnation of Almighty God?

Beautiful indeed is the virtue of sincerity. It is not a gaudy virtue. It does not glitter. It has no sparkle in it. But it is substantial. It is life giving. It sustains and nourishes the heart. It is a virtue within the reach of the humblest of us. There are some things we cannot be, and many things which we cannot do. But this one thing is within the reach of us all — we may pray God unceasingly to keep our heart sincere.

Christ is the loveliest form of sincerity, He cannot tell a lie. A hypocrite is an actor.

If we say things we do not believe, and profess things we do not feel, and lay claim to things which we do not possess, we are tricksters and deceivers, causing mischief and confusion in the world. It was the sincerity of Jesus which drove Him into deadly conflict with the hypocrites. A hypocrite and Jesus cannot live together.

"Let your communication be yea, yea and nay, nay." "Do not swear at all." No man puts his whole self into his speech. His words reveal him and they also conceal him. There is a discrepancy between the soul and what the mouth declares. Not so with Jesus. He holds back nothing. What He thinks, He says; what He feels, He declares. He tones down nothing; He exaggerates nothing.

Selected by Brother Don Hostetler

SEEKING FOR GIFTS

Recently we were involved in a discussion concerning the "Brethren" lovefeast. Upon mentioning our practice of feet washing the reaction of the individual to whom we were speaking was something to the effect of, "some people worry too much about things like washing feet instead of having the gifts." The individual then mentioned some of the signs given in Mark 16:17-18. We would like to share some thoughts we have as a result of this discussion.

We would first of all like to look at the above mentioned passage of scripture. "And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Most of the "gifts teachers" agree that the taking up of serpents and drinking of any deadly thing is given for special occasions to individuals who need such protection in their work for the Lord, although a few do try to make them symbolic and some actually practice them in their worship services. For the few who actually practice these things, (we are not at all sure exactly what all is involved in this but we doubt if anyone handles snakes and drinks poison as we have read newspaper accounts of individuals dying from these things being practiced in a worship service), we wonder if they are not in opposition to Jesus' teaching in Matthew 4:7 "Jesus said unto him, (Satan) It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." On the other hand, to teach that all the signs mentioned are for EVERY believer except for these two is not being consistent. Also we see no basis for making these two symbolic and the rest literal.

We would like to say at this point that we believe the greatest gift God has given man is His Son, Jesus Christ and the salvation we have through His shed blood. On the other hand, we do not believe that all the sign gifts have expired with the passing of the Apostles. We believe that I Cor. 13:8-10 refers to the perfect kingdom of

Christ at His return to earth and not the Bible, (although the Bible is perfect). But we must also remember that these gifts are given at the discretion of God. I Cor. 12 seems to make this very clear. Verse 11 of this portion of scripture speaks directly on this. "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

In Acts 8 we have the account of Simon who before his conversion practiced sorcery. In verse 13 it states that he believed and was baptized. But it does not state that he received ANY of the sign gifts. In fact it seems to suggest that he might not have. "...he, (Simon), continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and SIGNS which were done." As we read on in this passage we find that Simon offered money to receive a gift which was reserved for a select group within the church. Many feel that the offering of money to receive "this power" (verse 19) was Simon's only sin. But we feel that his greatest sin was in desiring a gift that God did not intend for him. For in verse 21 Peter tells him, "Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter:..." The word "lot" we understand to mean choice. It would also seem as if Simon put gifts above obedience for in the last part of verse 21 Peter says, "... For thy heart is not right in the sight of God." This does not mean that he was not saved for verse 13 states that he believed and was baptized. But verses 22 and 23 speaks, we believe, of the possibility of his losing his salvation.

In Matthew 7:21-23 we believe we have another case of signs rather than obedience. Some feel those mentioned were never saved because of the words "I never knew you" in verse 23. But in Ezekiel 18:24 we read, "But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? ALL HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT HE HATH DONE SHALL NOT BE MENTIONED:..." We are glad that God, not man, has the final say on who is saved. But we feel those individuals who have been given the light of nonconformity and rejected this light, sometimes even ridiculing it, are walking on a very dangerous path.

We would like to close with the thought that the scriptures teach that obedience is the sign of salvation (I John 2:3-5 among many others) NOT SIGNS AND WONDERS. Many today claim to have signs and wonders but follow false teaching and live like the world. They have deceived many sincere Christians. Let us desire, in love, to oppose all error and follow the word of God. John 8:32 "For ye shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you free." Of course, this TRUTH is personified in Jesus Christ, the living Word.

Brother James M. Hite
816 E. Birch St.
Palmyra, Pa. 17078

1981 GENERAL CONFERENCE SERMON NOTES

Continued from May 15, 1982 Issue

TUESDAY A.M.

Moderator: Bro. David Kegerreis.

Chorister: Bro. Rick St. John.

Opening: Bro. Milton Cook. I Cor. 1:18-31.

The way Christians look at life and the things of life is totally different from the way the world looks at the very same things. The preaching of the cross is to the world foolishness. Even as Jesus hanged on the cross, they taunted and ridiculed Him. What is it to us? Paul said it was the power of God. The foolishness of God is wiser than men, the weakness of God is stronger than men. The world may think we are foolish to continue as a small group of believers but we must remember that God plus one makes a majority. We should glorify the God who is not only a God of might and wisdom but also of Love. It is all for our benefit.

Speaker: Bro. Dennis St. John. Subject: "The doctrine which ye have learned." Romans 16:17.

When we are born we begin a great learning process which continues until death. Deut. 6:3-9, Ps. 34:11, Ps. 78:5-6, Isa. 38:19, Prov. 22:6, Eph. 6:4. These Scriptures are all concerned with learning.

What gives life its meaning? Eccles. 12:12. Man's duty is to fear God and keep His commandments. Life is life in Christ. We can not separate our Christian life from the other activities of life. So it is important to train up the child to know these things.

When a child is born, it become the responsibility of the parents to train up that child. The father's responsibility to teach the children. What must the child be taught? It must be the fear of the Lord. If that is removed from our education then we have nothing. Prov. 9:10. Education means to develop morally and mentally. A baby is not responsible but through a gradual process that responsibility is shifted to the child. Then he is responsible for his own soul. That is the purpose of training that child. Therefore they need to learn the scriptures and the fear of the Lord. In their daily lives, children need to learn moral responsibility. A proper relationship with the world needs to be taught. We need to teach basic skills and orderly thinking.

Can education produce life in Christ? No! Intellectualism can not produce life in Christ. The Scriptures combined with faith in Jesus Christ is the only way. We do not want a secular education. "Secular" means to bar everything that has to do with God from our education. "Secular" belongs to the unregenerate.

When the pioneers first settled in the wilderness they saw little need for education. When more people came and their occupations were more diversified there was a greater regard for education. At first the parents did the teaching of the child. Then one in the community began to do the teaching but the responsibility remained the parents'. Then the state entered the picture by consolidating and supporting the schools. There should be a separation between the Church and the state. We see the conditions now in the state run schools but still the parents are responsible for what their children are taught. Through our taxes we have hired the teacher and bought the books. By sending the child there we are responsible for what they get there. We try to teach them right at home only to have it counteracted in the school. But that is a logical impossibility for we are ultimately responsible both for what is taught at home and at school.

We need to be careful of the Moral Majority or similar groups. Our goal is not to improve morals but to produce Christians. A moral or social gospel is not the whole Gospel. What changes would we make in the schools today? If all the changes were made that would suit us, would the world around us stand for it? Just removing these things would not produce life in Christ. The world does not want what we want in the schools. We are not here to impose our morality upon the world. We are to be called out of the world. The Church's work is not to be involved with politics but to be the Church, a called out people living Christian lives. We do not believe in force in religion. We can not change the world. Only Christ can do that.

II Kings 17. After the Assyrians carried away the Israelites they repopulated the country with their own people. They did not fear God so the Lord slew them by wild beasts. They sent for a priest of Israel to teach them. They ended up fearing the Lord but serving their own gods.

In the matters of education do we fear the Lord but still serve our own gods? The basis of Christian education is truth. The home is still the foundation. Truth and deceit are the real opponents today, not education and anti-education. We need never fear the Truth but ever fear deceit. Without the Word of God there is no way of knowing the Truth. When the Church embraces the philosophies of the world, they begin to worship false gods and education.

Just having a Christian school will not guarantee that all will be well if the right moral tone is not in the home. Is this serving our own gods? Are we hypocritical in expecting the Christian school to teach what is not in the home? That school is still an extension of

the home. The Church, home and school are to work together. The school is an extension of the home and the home is subject to the Church. Our education must therefore be subject to the Church.

Closing: Bro. Leonard Wertz.

We live in a confusing world today. The Church is but a tiny remnant in the world today. Therefore our children's education should be that which results in life in Christ. Freedom to worship has been taken out of the humanistic schools. If our children are educated by God's standards then they can be a light in this dark world. Other remnants have served God well. Mordecai and Noah each did an important work. Will we be a faithful remnant? Will we train up our children in the way they should go?

To be continued.

BECAUSE HE LIVES

Because He lives, I, too, shall live;

The same life quickens me

That held His Spirit all secure

Above the death-bound Tree.

Because He lives, I cannot die.

Death signifies no loss;

My soul shall know but spirit-change

Because He knew the cross.

Because He lives, His Cross transmutes

Death into Life, for me;

And failure, fear, disease, and death,

Love crowns with victory.

- Adele Lathrop

Selected



THE SUBSTITUTE—In the time of Napoleon a man offered to serve in the army as a substitute for another who had been drafted. A battle took place and the substitute was killed. Later on, another draft was made, and they wanted a second time to take the man whose former substitute had been killed. "No," said he, "you can't take me; I am dead. I was shot at such a battle." They would not recognize his claim, and the matter was carried to Napoleon, who cleared the man on the ground that he was exempt from service because the substitute had taken his place.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR JULY, 1982**DELIVER**

Memory Verse: Mark 10:33

Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the gentiles:

Thur. 1 - Mark 10:13-34

Fri. 2 - Mark 13:1-23

Sat. 3 - Mark 15:1-28

Memory Verse: Luke 1:74-75

That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Sun. 4 - Luke 1:1-25

Mon. 5 - Luke 1:26-56

Tues. 6 - Luke 1:57-80

Wed. 7 - Luke 4:1-32

Thur. 8 - Luke 9:43-62

Fri. 9 - Luke 10:1-24

Sat. 10 - Luke 11:1-26

Memory Verse: Luke 4:18-19

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Sun. 11 - Luke 18:18-43

Mon. 12 - Luke 20:1-26

Tues. 13 - Luke 21:1-24

Wed. 14 - Luke 23:1-31

Thur. 15 - Luke 24:1-27

Fri. 16 - John 18:15-40

Sat. 17 - John 19:1-22

Memory Verse: Luke 10:22

All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

Sun. 18 - Acts 2:1-24

Mon. 19 - Acts 2:25-47

Tues. 20 - Acts 3:1-26

Wed. 21 - Acts 6:1-15

Thur. 22 - Acts 7:1-20

Fri. 23 - Acts 7:21-40

Sat. 24 - Acts 7:41-60

Memory Verse: Luke 20:20

And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

Sun. 25 - Acts 12:1-25

Mon. 26 - Acts 21:1-17

Tues. 27 - Acts 22:1-21

Wed. 28 - Acts 25:1-27

Thur. 29 - Acts 26:1-32

Fri. 30 - Acts 28:1-16

Sat. 31 - Acts 28:17-31

Memory Verses: Luke 21:12

But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

Acts 2:23

Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greenville, N 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

JULY 1, 1982

NO. 13

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

JUST WHEN I NEED HIM MOST

Just when I need Him, Jesus is near,
Just when I falter, just when I fear;
Ready to help me, ready to cheer,
Just when I need Him most.

Just when I need Him, Jesus is true,
Never forsaking all the way thro';
Giving for burdens pleasures anew,
Just when I need Him most.

Just when I need Him, Jesus is strong,
Bearing my burdens all the day long;
For all my sorrow giving a song,
Just when I need Him most.

Just when I need Him, He is my all,
Answering when upon Him I call;
Tenderly watching lest I should fall,
Just when I need Him most.

- Rev. Wm. Poole

BEARING AND SHARING

In II Corinthians 1:1-12 Paul speaks of the Christian's privileges of bearing suffering and sharing comfort. In his greeting to his readers, Paul uses a salutation that is similar to his other epistles. In verse 3 he speaks of God as a Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. Comfort suggests there is trouble, tribulation or suffering that needs the soothing, healing help of another.

God is able to comfort even in the darkest and harshest of situations. While He freely comforts us, He does it not only for our benefit. When we receive His comfort, it serves as an example for us to extend comfort to others. Christians dare not be sponges. They can not continually soak up benefits from God and other Christians. Even sponges eventually take in all that they can. Then they lose their usefulness until squeezed out. Christians have to be emptied, too.

We are thankful we have a God of all comfort. Many do not know God, so only through the comfort we give, will they know of Him. Paul tells us we are to have bowels of mercy. The bowels, physically, are an innermost part of our digestive system. Likewise compassion and comfort should be an innermost part of our Spiritual being.

If we are to reign with Christ we must suffer with Him. His name will be exalted above every name, but He suffered greatly. If we deny Him, we will be denied by Him before His Heavenly Father. Our suffering may take many forms. In this country, our suffering is less likely to be physical suffering. It may instead be social or emotional suffering. Whatever form it takes and however great it may be, there is an equal consolation. As the sufferings abound so

THE BIBLE MONITOR

JULY 1, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

the consolation abounds. This was so not only for Paul but for each Christian. Paul did not shirk his sufferings. He also knew the comfort that accompanied the sufferings.

Therefore he could say that whether it was affliction or consolation it all would eventually work out for their salvation. By his afflictions he was giving them an example so they would be emboldened to do as he had done. Paul wrote to the Philippians that he had a great desire to depart from this earth to be in Heaven, but because it would be beneficial for them for him to remain, he would yield to his desire that they might be consoled. By consolation they would know that God was aware of them and would help them. We can have the same assurance whether through affliction or comfort we can know that it is for our salvation.

Paul had a hope concerning these believers. The very best, most optimistic, view must be taken of our fellow pilgrims. If Christians do not have a hope for each other, then some could fail because of discouragement. If Christians can not entertain an optimistic view of other Christians, then who will? We live in a world that hinders the advancement of others but Christians must be hopeful of other's progress. Even that hope will itself give encouragement to the one who is afflicted and in distress.

Paul did encounter many troubles during his missionary journeys. From the time of his conversion until his death there were few times that he was free of afflictions. He had bodily afflictions and many persecutions. There were times when he was near death. He was left for dead after being stoned. We can understand how he would consider the death sentence to be his. Knowing that death was so near, he could not trust in his own strength or ability, only in God. As he considered himself as good as dead, he considered God's help to be a resurrection, bringing him forth from the dead. God did not deliver him from death in his past situation and he was delivering him at that time. Paul had a hope that God would continue to deliver him in the future. His hope was not simply for deliverance from physical death but from all that hindered Spiritual living.

Paul knew all of this was not by his own doing. It was their united prayers that worked in his behalf. Because many had participated, many could rejoice with Paul in his deliverance. The sharing of prayer is not only in the petition but in the thanks that could be given to God. This would be an encouragement for each one in the power of prayer.

Paul's rejoicing was that these things were not according to the world's ways of understanding and activity. They were according to God's wisdom which is superior to the wisdom of this world. He could, like us, be thankful for the grace of God. Without it he would not have enjoyed the blessings he had. This grace guided his

conduct in the world and especially in his relationship with other Christians.

From Paul's life and letters we learn of our possibilities in the Christian life. We may bear suffering for Christ's sake. We must share the afflictions of our fellow Pilgrims. But this bearing and sharing will lead to our consolation and salvation. Are you bearing and sharing?

BLACK CARNATIONS

A young man was talking very casually about dying. He said to a receptionist, "If I die before Friday (his next appointment a few days away), see to it that I have black carnations. That's what I want when I die — all black carnations." There were some smiles and a bit of laughter from those who were listening. Perhaps they didn't take him seriously, but I believe he was and I wondered why he was thinking that way.

Picture yourself walking into a funeral home and seeing a casket surrounded by bouquets of black carnations. Your first reaction would probably be shock, followed by this question, "Whose idea was this, and why?" It would probably take a few moments for you to compose yourself in the face of such an outstanding departure from tradition. When something like this happens, it startles us and makes us uneasy, but there are more important things to consider.

If I could talk to this young man, I would ask him what his thoughts about death are. His main concern seemed to be about the funeral, which is of little importance in the light of Eternity. I can't ask him but I can ask you what your thoughts about death are. What do you want when you die — a Christ-centered memorial service to remind people that there is hope of life after death in Him, or just a few black carnations?

You can plan your funeral in advance if you wish, but that does not make you ready for death. You won't see any flowers, no matter what color they are, once death has come, and that should not be your concern either. How you prepare for death — the end of life — determines your eternal destiny, and that should be your greatest concern. Death will be a time of despair or a time of hope, depending on how you have prepared for it.

How then do you get ready to die? By preparing to live! If you have prepared to live, you have prepared to die. Your existence doesn't end here on this earth. This is just the beginning and the time you have on this earth is your time of preparation for Eternity. You can use this time wisely or you can waste it, but whatever you do, it is permanent once this life ends.

The first step in preparing to live is to be born again. Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3b. This is a necessity as well as a privilege. To begin life anew in Christ after living in sin and selfishness is a privilege! The sooner you take this step, the better, as life is so uncertain. "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit." Ecc. 8:8a. No matter how death comes to you, it will come, and you must get ready for it in advance.

After being born again — being made spiritually alive in Christ — the next step is to grow. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." 1 Pet. 2:2. You must have spiritual food — the Word of God — to be spiritually healthy. Your attention needs to be focused on spiritual things, not this life. "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Luke 12:15b. Regardless of what you have in this world or what position you hold, none of it can prepare you for Eternity. Only Christ can do that.

David said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psalms 23:4. David knew he would have the Lord's care in death because he had walked with the Lord in life. Do you have this assurance? What you do with Christ while you live determines whether or not He will be with you in death. If your life is Christ-centered, there is hope in death. Without Him, there is none.

You may think black carnations would make a hideous bouquet, too somber for any occasion. But if the color of flowers indicated your destiny, what color would yours be? Black for eternal death or white for eternal life? "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. Spiritual death is for the unbeliever, the one who ignores God's Will for his life. Eternal life is for the one who takes God at His Word and receives Jesus into his life. Which have you chosen?

Sister Eileen Broadwater

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"SELF CONCEPT"

As a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, you must put together your lifestyle starting right where you live... with self! As a part of the world system, worldly people identify and develop their self-worth relative to things they have, things they do and roles they play. The real question is never answered, "Who am I in regard to

what God would have for me to be." As a young Christian, you measure yourself by God's standards.

In Luke 14:33 we see Jesus asking someone to give up worldly possessions to follow Him. In other words, we can't take our identity from our possessions. Remember, Christ owns us and all things that He allows us to be stewards of. The other important factor to consider here is that you are nothing! In John 15:5, we are told that apart from Christ, we can do nothing. The world system says that your job, your farm, what sports you play, what your activities are, all define the real you. But young people, you must deny self as a disciple. Not to deny the old self results in doing all kinds of things that really amount to **nothing**! Only what God does through you and what He is doing **for** you counts.

Who are you, really? You are a person **created** in God's image. You were designed to be like Him in righte~~ous~~^{ousness}, holiness of truth, and you were designed to be immortal. **You** are body, soul, and spirit and are unique among God's creations. **Animals** have no soul. You are NOT an animal. Angels have no natural bodies. You are not an angel! You have a specially designed body, a unique individual spirit, and a soul unlike any other creature in the universe. You are His workmanship. (Eph. 2:10)

It is great to know that God knows you personally. When you were born, your name was written in the Book of Life. Then, when you were born again, your name was again written in heaven... this time in the Lamb's Book of Life. (Rev. 13:8) You are on a first name basis with God. He even knows the number of hairs on your head! You are not just another part of some evolutionary process. You're special, exceptional, and personal to God.

The world also judges you in their contests of appearance, intelligence, and talent. You must live up to being a "perfect 10!" These false standards of self-worth have a firm hold on the world's way of thinking and unfortunately they seem to have crept into the conservative churches. Remember, these things fade away. The prettiest girl gets old and wrinkled. The "whiz-kid" gets senile in old age. The athletic child gets fat and slow! These standards all crumble.

I love the phrase, "God don't make no junk!" You can be a big "10" on God's scale. Get rid of the old selfish thinking. "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought..." (Rom. 12:3) Identify your self with God's standards and His ideas of self worth. Reprogram your world-taught self-concepts with the truth about who you are.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

PROPHETIC PERSPECTIVE

"The Christ is now here." So read the headline of the newspaper reprint given to me on May 20, 1982. The full page announcement went on to tell the who, what and when of this "Christ."

Are we or should we be shocked or even surprised as we see and hear such things? The answer can be, "yes," only if we are unfamiliar with the words of Jesus — the real true Christ. In answer to His disciples' questions concerning His return and the end of the world, He replied: "... take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Matthew 24:4-5.

Let us consider a few points in this article.

1. "Who is the Christ?"

The article states that "throughout history, humanity's evolution has been guided by a group of enlightened men..." Now, while it is true that God has allowed wise men of this world, power and ability for many and varied accomplishments, the Bible says: "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps." Proverbs 16:9. "... the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will..." Daniel 4:17. In Godly perspective, it is God, and not man, who is individually and nationally guiding the world's affairs.

The article further states that these enlightened men "... have remained largely in the remote desert and mountain places of earth..." The Bible declares: "... if they say unto you, behold he is in the desert; go not forth..." Matthew 24:26. Also that we shall "... serve the living and true God and ... wait for His Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." I Thess. 1:9-10. "... the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels." II Thess. 1:7. Therefore, the Christ whom we are waiting and looking for will appear, not from the desert or mountain, but from Heaven.

Reading further the article names "the world teacher, Lord Maitreya, known by Christians as the Christ." On that point I submit to you the words of Jesus Christ the Son of God, "I am come in my Father's name and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." Will we now reject the real true Christ for one coming in his own name? John 5:43.

Then after saying; the Christians await the second coming of Christ, the Jews await the Messiah, Buddhists the fifth Buddha, Moslems the Iman Mahdi and the Hindus await Krishna, the

newspaper article states: "These are all names for one individual." Certainly we need to call to mind Peter's sermon in Acts 4, where Peter, being filled with the Holy Ghost declared; "... That by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead... Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

2. "What is he saying?"

The article reports "My task will be to show you how to live together peacefully as brothers. This is simpler than you imagine... for it requires only the acceptance of sharing." In addition it says: "... we will build a new world." The craving of this war ravaged world is peace, and certainly it is a noble objective. (Matthew 5:9) But can we in fact reach it "simply by sharing?" Did Jesus teach us to share? Indeed. "Give to every man that asketh of thee, and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again." Luke 6:30. God's people should be the first to share and give to all real needs. But, will we by doing so solve the problems of the world? Will that indeed "build a new world?" Let's remember here that Satan offered Jesus Christ the crown without the cross. He has offered you (if you are a believer) the same short-cut in your own personal experience and now he is offering it to the whole world.

The emphasis of the age is social justice. Satan wants God's people and the Church to get involved in good things: affirmative action programs, social welfare plans, and so forth. Anything, no matter how worthy or noble, just so they get their minds off of preaching the real Gospel. Satan's program is subtly shifting the religious system from a transactional (God centered) theology to an interpersonal (man centered) theology. (Galatians 1:8-9) Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Man's real need is salvation. Not education but regeneration, and that by the preaching of the gospel and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. (I Cor. 15:1-4)

All attempts to build a new world have failed and will fail. We are not going to build a new world. In Isaiah 65:17 God says, "Behold I CREATE new heavens and a new earth..." and in Isaiah 66:22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will MAKE, shall remain before me saith the Lord..." My friends, there is going to be a new world, (Ephesians 1:21) but don't let anyone tell you that they are going to build it. God is going to MAKE it and CREATE it and that in His own time!

Isaiah says in 26:9, when God's judgments are in all the earth,

the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." Isaiah 11:4 "with righteousness shall He (Christ) judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth..." There is indeed a time coming when there will be righteousness and equity. It will not be the result of man's program, but of God's eternal plan. First, however, "... the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." Then can "we according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." II Peter 10:13.

You see, it is when we lose the concept of eventual divine justice, that we begin to clamor for immediate human, social justice. So, whether our earthly lot be good or ill let us "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait I say on the Lord." Psalm 27:14.

3. "When will we see him?"

The article says he "will speak to humanity through a world wide television and radio broadcast." Matthew 24:27 says "For as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west; so shall the coming of the Son of man be."

There have been others before declaring themselves to be the Christ. This person is not the first and he will not be the last. I believe by now it should be obvious that this is not the real Christ. Is it possible then that he is the antichrist? Let us remember that Jesus said there will be many false christs. (Matthew 24:23-26) Just as God had many prophets and even a forerunner (John the Baptist) come and prepare the way for His Son the true Christ; so, Satan seems to have many false prophets and false christs prepare the way for his son, the antichrist. Note I John 2:18 where John says, "... even now are there many antichrists..." God has had His prophets since the world began (Luke 1:70) and Satan has imitated.

There has been a tendency for religious people to interpret Bible prophecy in light of current events. For instance when a strong world ruler would come on the scene, some would label him the antichrist, and so forth. But then when all goes well they don't concern themselves with such things. So, instead of viewing God's Word in light of current events, (especially those affecting us) we need to view these events in the light of God's Word.

Now, what are we going to do about it? As we consider how few people were prepared for Christ's first advent, I want to challenge you with I Chronicles 12:32, where some of those who joined themselves to David "... were men who had understanding of the times and knew what Israel ought to do..." There is only one

source of information on the subject, and that source is the Word of God. So, instead of being bound by ignorance (I Thess. 4:13 and II Peter 3:5 & 8) or frightened by the "roaring lion" (I Peter 5:8), Jesus said: "... know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. And while there may be many things we may not understand now, nevertheless "Ye brethren are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief." I Thess. 5:4.

As the coming times reveal more deception, let us be prepared to: confront, compare, and contrast each event with God's Holy Word. "Fare ye well!"

Brother Frank L. Reed

THE NARROWNESS OF JESUS

"Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matthew 7:14.

Narrowness is sometimes used in a sinister and condemning sense. But what word will better express one of the conspicuous traits of Jesus than the word, "narrowness?"

Jesus chose to stay at home and give His time to the cities of Galilee rather than travel to foreign lands.

People and Satan were always trying to distract or divert Him from the path He needed to follow. When He talks to men about the two ways, one of them narrow and the other one broad, He is speaking out of His own experience. When He urges men to chose the narrow one in preference to the broad one, He is saying "Follow me!!"

In the realm of the intellect He chose the way which was narrow. He made a distinction between falsehood and truth. He was not ashamed to stomp the former and proclaim boldly the latter. He came to bear witness to the truth. For that reason He was not broad enough to give falsehood a place in His heart.

There were some things He could praise and there were other things He was obliged to condemn. He did not wear a universal smile. He did not group men together as though they were all alike. He made distinctions. He taught other men to make them too. There is a weak and sentimental way of lumping men together and trying to make it appear that men are all substantially alike and that one is not so much better after all than another. Jesus' estimate was the product of severe discrimination. The gang of thieves in the temple were driven out in bewilderment and consternation. To some of the most influential men of Jerusalem He said, "You are fools and blind men, you are serpents, you are vipers!!" Between

some men and other men there was a great gulf fixed. He was so narrow in His judgments, He refused to let bad men feel that they were good.

It is difficult for a young person in a big world to decide what he will do with his life, but when a man picks out some little sphere and says, "Inside of this I purpose to work," real life begins. It is when a man picks up in his hand a definite, tiny tool and says, "This is the thing to which I shall devote my life," the shadows vanish and life becomes worth living. It is the narrow path that leads to life. Jesus' work was definite. At twelve He knew the business to which He must give Himself.

It is with men as it is with rivers! A river becomes a river only by the assistance of its banks. The difference between a river and a swamp is that a river has banks and a swamp has none. Take away its banks and a river becomes a swamp. Many rivers become mightier and more majestic because the mountains press in upon it. Left to sprawl out over the plains, it becomes shallow, muddy and feeble, but when the mountains press in upon it, narrowing its channel and crowding the waters in upon themselves, the river takes on a new depth and strength of current. So it is with our lives, if we follow the narrow path of Jesus we will obtain strength and spiritual depth. "If you do not take up your cross and follow me, ye cannot be my disciple, and no one comes to the Father except through me." "Verily I say unto you, unless you abide in me you have no life at all in you!" This, then, is the narrowness of Jesus.

Selected by Brother Don Hostetler

THE AGED MEN

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine. That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience." Titus 2:1-2.

Do aged men need to be taught? Paul is here giving sound words of truth with which to both teach, when necessary, and to confirm the aged Christian men in Crete in the things of God.

As strength declines in age, we feel the need of buoyant, strong men to relieve us of responsibilities often carried for many years. Soon there is time(at last) for meditation, and a reviewing of our past endeavors, our mistakes, and by God's grace, some accomplishments.

A strong sense of duty and of loving service remains, as we pray for the success of the Lord's Word and works of faith, and of course, for the "Lord to send laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

Old age manifests itself in a weakening of muscular strength and

in various real aches and pains in the body. We become aware of body organs we were hardly conscious of during a busy life. Body appetites and tastes are affected. We become more conscious of the deeper mysteries of brain and body control. Often a lessening of the sense of body balance with times of dizziness makes the elderly man less sure of himself and more dependent on others.

Old age becomes a reality when the doctor says, "You have reached a time in your life when you must not expect too much. Don't overeat, don't overdue in your necessary exercises to keep going."

"Once a man, twice a child," is an old adage from a long distant past. We began life helpless in ourselves, and will close it in the same way. A dependence on others grows on us as our highly prized senses become more enfeebled.

Our first memories come back, often in dreams and reverie, with astounding clearness. A failing memory reaches out for the certainties of first memories. There is a fondness in calling to mind things of the past; but there is also a real need here, and fear, that if this would be taken away, all memory would also leave. Present awareness and even body balance depend much on a clear memory. Some poet of the past puts this in charming verse:

"Green, the garden where we played;
Dear, the old familiar shade.
In our dreams, how oft they come;
Mother, childhood, friends and home."

The Apostle Paul in Philemon 9 refers to himself as "Paul the aged" when according to our best knowledge, he was still in his sixties. These today are still the years when strength weakens, and a "retirement" becomes a swiftly approaching reality. Kind voices seek to steady us, "You worked for your retirement. Now enjoy it." And what of "Old age hobbies?"

The warnings of Jesus comes again in loving tones with stern words of reality: Lest "The cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful." Mark 4:19. Ah! Yes! The aged tree or vine, must still bear "fruits of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22-23) lest it "cumber the ground." (Luke 13:7)

The words of the Apostle that we used to apply to our aged, are now ours in living reality and in day by day remembrance.

"Sober" forbids silliness: "grave" directs to careful speech with well chosen words: "temperate" speaks to the natural appetites and acquired habits of life enjoyments. Our further endeavors for Christ must be "sound in doctrine," in "faith," in "love," and in "patience."

Old age's memory is further strengthened by well remembered passages of scripture. They bring fresh living vistas of deep truths to confirm the living Words of God. God the Father, gave these to His Son to speak in our sin-darkened world. Like warm, summer, sunshine rays, they ripen believing old age to be ready for harvest time.

The ageing of old men has often been called a "mellowing process." This must not mean a growing permissiveness of evil. But rather a deepening of our sense of values of spiritual things; of Spiritual discernment, and of the "Fruits of the Spirit." Gal. 5:22-23. As the things of the Spirit are seen in clearer light, so also do things of time and sense lose their accustomed values and earthly charms.

The brevity of time becomes more real. Glorious opportunities to witness for Christ grow exceedingly more precious. The awesome power and responsibility of the spoken word, for good or evil, causes one to re-examine ones habits of speech for idle words, double-talk words, worldly slang words, subversive words, and words concerning "foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strife." II Timothy 2:23. Did not Jesus say, "But I say unto you that every idle word that men speak, they shall give account of it in the day of judgment?" Matt. 12:36. "For by thy words shalt thou be justified and by thy words condemned."

An ancient, forgotten poet left words of caution:

"How careful then ought I to live,
With what religious fear!
Who such a strict account must give
For my behavior here."

In John 2:13-14, the Apostle lovingly repeats himself in addressing the fathers, "I have written unto you fathers because ye have known (the Father) him that is from the beginning."

With the "little children" and "young men," those of old age must carefully guard and keep that heart's love one in accord with the "love of the Father." Verses 15-17 contain not only the "milk of the word," but also the "strong meat" for the strong; and, may I say, a well-balanced, strengthening diet for those in their "twilight" day of life. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." I John 2:15-17.

John speaks here to all ages in simple words of truth. But like all words of "Spirit and of life" (John 3:63) they are like Eden's

"flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life." (Gen. 3:24) Here they guard the approach to the believer's inner citidel of heart. They search it for that inner heart's love. The most simple and uneducated with those of great minds and talents, the young and the old, must ask themselves, "Where is my heart's love? Is it upon this world and its things? Or is it on my Lord Jesus Christ, the forever Blessed Son of the Father?"

Saviour, teach me day by day
Love's sweet lessons to obey.
Sweeter lessons cannot be
Loving Him who first loved me.

(Old Hymn)

Your brother in Christ,
James D. Cover

NEWS ITEMS

GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI

The Lord willing, the Grandview Congregation will hold a one week revival from July 18 through July 25. Bro. Edward Johnson of Wauseon, Ohio will bring our messages.

There will be services on Saturday, beginning at 11 o'clock with the Lovefeast services Saturday evening. There will also be services throughout Sunday.

Come enjoy these meetings with us. We ask an interest in your prayers for us here at this place.

Sister Bertha Jarboe, Cor.

HART, MICHIGAN

If it be God's will, the Hart Congregation will hold revival meetings July 18 through July 25 with Lovefeast on July 24. Bro. Berton Smith from Goshen, Indiana will be our evangelist.

Pray God will bless these services and come and enjoy them with us.

Sister Peggy Flory, Cor.

PLEVNA, INDIANA

The Plevna Congregation plans a two week Revival from August 1 to 15. Elder David Skiles of Torreón Navajo Mission will be our Evangelist.

Lovefeast services will be Saturday, August 14. We welcome all to these meetings. Please pray for these efforts.

Sister Verda Lorenz, Cor.

SHREWSBURY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Shrewsbury Congregation is looking forward, the Lord willing, to a Revival Meeting the first two weeks of August, August 1 to 15. The evangelist will be Bro. Kenneth Wolfe. Services 7:30 each evening. Come and pray that God's Spirit will have His way in all our hearts and lives.

We had the privilege of enjoying another Lovefeast May 23. We appreciate all who came to share the day with us. We also were happy for the following visiting ministers who shared Gospel messages with us: Joshua Rice, Howard Surbey, Frank Shaffer, Virgil Leatherman, Laverne Keeney, Allen Eberly, Jan Heisey and John Pepper, who officiated in the evening.

Sister Fern Ness, Cor.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sister Margaret Marks has been removed from the Forest Park Nursing Home and is now being taken care of in our home. She is unable to get around by herself. We ask for your prayers in our behalf. We are thankful we can look forward to a better life to come.

Brother J. F. Marks



To keep in good **standing** with God we must **kneel**.



F-A-I-T-H means, Forsaking All I Take Him.



It is unlikely there will be a reduction in the wages of sin.

DIRECTORY OF BOARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dale E. Jamison, Chairman
Quinter, Kansas 67752
Ray R. Reed, Secretary
Box 12, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063
Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Joseph E. Flora, Chairman
R. 3 Box 12, Adel, Iowa 50003
Hayes Reed, Secretary
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355
William Carpenter, Treasurer
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256
Harley Rush
R. 1, Converse, Indiana 46919
Galen Litfin
1314 East 7th St.
Newberg, Oregon 97132
Dale Jamison
Quinter, Kansas 67752
Jacob C. Ness
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403
Frank Shaffer
13062 Grant Shook Rd.
Greencastle, PA 17225

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Howard J. Surbey, Chairman
749 W. King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
Jacob C. Ness, Secretary
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403
H. Edward Johnson, Treasurer
5-1307-S.H. 108
Wauseon, Ohio 43567
Dean St. John
1040 Hillsdale Road, R. 1
Camden, Michigan 49232
Warren C. Smith
McClave, Colorado 81057

BIBLE STUDY BOARD

William Carpenter, Chairman
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Eugene Kauffman, Secretary
R. 6, Box 51
Harrisburg, Virginia 22801
Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057
Rudolph Cover
2034 Roble Ave.
Modesto, CA 95351
Dennis St. John
Rt. 1
Bryan, Ohio 43506

RELIEF BOARD

Boyd Wyatt, Chairman
4925 Tegner Rd.
Hughson, CA 95326
209-883-4138
Newton Jamison, Secretary
512 Garfield
Quinter, Kansas 67752
913-754-3433
Kyle Reed, Treasurer
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
515-677-2467
Virgil Leatherman
419 N. Queen St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-5753
Robert Carpenter
R. 5, Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

TORREON NAVAJO MISSION

David Skiles, Superintendent
R. 2 Box 8
Cuba, New Mexico 87013
Hayes Reed, Chairman
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355
Kyle Reed, Secretary
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
Newton Jamison, Treasurer
Quinter, Kansas 67752
Harley Flory
R. 4, Defiance, Ohio 43512

All contributions to the various Boards should be made out to the Treasury but sent to the Secretary for his records

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

JULY 15, 1982

NO. 14

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

WHAT CHRIST IS TO US

The Shield from every dart;
The Balm for every smart;
The Sharer of each load;
Companion on the road.

The Door into the fold;
The Anchor that will hold;
The Shepherd of the sheep;
The Guardian of my sleep.

The Friend with Whom I talk;
The Way by which I walk;
The Light to show the way;
The Strength for every day.

The Source of my delight;
The Song to cheer the night;
The Thought that fills my mind;
The Best of All to find — is Jesus!

- Author Unknown
Selected

BIRTH

One of the greatest of miracles is birth. The conception, development and birth of a baby is a miracle, beyond the understanding of even the most astute. Although the process is common and has been repeated innumerable times since the birth of Cain, even those who have studied it the most still do not know everything about it. It is one of the mysteries that God has not fully revealed.

Without birth there would be no continuation of the human race. It is a process that God began and wills to have continued until the end of time. Since He deals with men, either as His children or as those who reject Him, it is necessary that births continue to provide those men.

Physical birth in many ways parallels the Spiritual birth, which is another miracle of God. Birth brings a new person into the world. Although the baby may resemble the parents and its personality be greatly influenced by the parents, still it is a different person. This different person will have different looks and personality. Even twins will be different no matter how identical they may be in appearance. Each will ultimately be responsible for his own soul.

That soul requires a rebirth. All who enter this world arrived by physical birth. Unfortunately not all hear of or receive the second birth. This birth is not physical but Spiritual. A person can not re-enter his mother's body but through the Church, the Bride of Christ, he experiences this new birth.

The natural birth is accompanied by pain and discomfort. The process of the child's prebirth development because its ever

THE BIBLE MONITOR

JULY 15, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

increasing size causes discomfort and awkwardness. The baby's entry into the world is accomplished with pain. The mother will risk her life to deliver the child. There is also some danger that the child passes through during birth. There are pains and discomforts that affect the one who is born again. It is not easy to change the habits of a lifetime. There are many allurements away from the Christian life. The devil will use his power, whether as a wolf or a wolf in sheep's clothing, to hinder the one who would desire that change. Change always means discomfort and pain. Natural birth has its discomforts and so does the Spiritual birth.

Along with discomfort, blood and water are a part of the birth process. The loss of blood is one of the dangers that the mother must face. The Spiritual birth also utilizes blood and water. The most precious ingredient in the process is the blood of Christ. Without His spilt blood there would be no rebirth. Without His life, death, burial and resurrection men could not hope for anything beyond this life. He did shed His blood on the cross and that blood is effective to wash away men's sins. But men today are physically separated from His spilt blood by more than nineteen hundred years. The contact that men today have with that blood is through baptism. Baptism represents a death to the old man of sin and a resurrection unto a new life. The water symbolizes the cleansing power of Christ's blood.

Just as a baby is a new person, the new Christian is a new creature. The rebirth process has changed him. His mind has been transformed so his desires are changed. While his former efforts were for sin, self and Satan, his new life is now lived for Christ, the Church and others. The old things are dead, but new things have replaced them. The baby's life within the womb is disturbed so that he may begin life in the outside world. If he were to stay too long in the womb his life would be endangered. So the one who rejects and puts off the new birth places himself in danger.

One of the first desires of the newborn is for nourishment. The baby is not very old until it is first fed. The new Christian also needs Spiritual nourishment. This nourishment is found in the Bible. The newborn needs milk before it can digest more solid food. The first principles need to be taught and learned before the deeper and meatier food can be digested. If there is no understanding of the plan of salvation and the ordinances of the Church there can be little benefit in more speculative subjects.

During the baby's first few days he is undisciplined and not on a very regular schedule, but he begins to develop a schedule before long. The new Christian needs a discipline in his life that will affect his study, his dress, his manners and his thoughts. He develops a self control that causes him to limit his own desires and to think more of the good of others and the Church.

Each birth is a miracle. When the birthday comes, a new child is born. There is a Spiritual birth that is parallel to the natural. We have all experienced the first. Have you experienced the second?

THE QUIET HOUR

We are living in a troubled age. With high inflation, with much un-employment and wars and rumors of wars, numberless people are greatly disturbed. This is evidenced by articles in newspapers, magazine articles and news over the radio, plus ungodly television. I feel, and have for a long time, that the masses of people in America and the wide world over, for that matter, simply try to get through this world on their own. They do not turn to God for guidance, they do not attend Church, neither read their Bibles nor pray.

They are saturated with rock and roll, sexy and lewd magazines, rotten movies and live and nude stage performances. In such allurements of Satan there can be found no contentment, no peace of mind, no character building material and certainly no material with which to build for the future. The noise of this sinful world is drowning out "The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit" which Peter tells us about in 1 Peter 3:4.

I feel every professed Christian should have a chosen spot or place that he can resort to, away from all worldly attractions, away from his daily cares and spend a "quiet time" alone with God. This quiet hour must be entered into voluntarily, if success is to prevail. It should be made a daily ritual. It is as essential to the soul as food is to the body.

Jesus gave us several examples, which, if we follow, we will be greatly blessed. Mark 1:35, in part, "He departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." He was "alone with God." This was His quiet hour. We need our quiet hour with God. Another time, in Matt. 6:6, Jesus tells us, "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

"Our closet" can be any place where we can be "alone with God." It can be a closet, with the door shut. A good place to pray is on a mountain top, beside a rippling stream, deep in the woods or go to your regular house of worship, when no one else is present, and there alone with God, pray. That "Quiet Hour" will be richly rewarding.

After we have sought out our secret closet, there, with the cares of the world shut out, HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS. He will hear and He will understand. This is a good time to confess your faults and sins. If you get in earnest, no doubt you will shed

some tears. Be not ashamed. Some one has said that tears of confession cleanse the soul. After you have acknowledged your faults to Him, He is ready to hear your petitions and requests. If you might have some wrong feeling about a brother or sister, pray for that Brother and Sister and pray for God to put your heart and mind in the right condition. After you have taken a matter to the Lord, LEAVE IT THERE.

Regardless of what your mental attitude may have been before you entered your secret closet, you will feel much better, more at peace, relaxed and blessed than when you entered. Why? Because the difference is a result of asking the Lord to be in attendance at "your quiet hour." Being alone with God is very enjoyable, very strengthening, and very humbling. It promotes and enhances a meditative mind.

"When storms of life are round me beating,
When rough the path that I have trod,
With-in my closet door retreating,
I WANT TO BE ALONE WITH GOD."

Brother Paul R. Myers
Box 117, Greentown, Ohio

THANK YOU, FATHER!!

I awoke to the sound of birds singing in a chorus of happy profusion. As I lay listening to that beautiful sound drifting in through the open window, I felt as though those birds were singing praises unto their Creator. "Oh, Father," I prayed, "I would like to be as those birds, singing so joyfully; praising You first thing in the morning, and all day long." "I WOULD LIKE THAT." The words seemed to speak to my heart, "YOU DO HAVE MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR, THOUGH YOU TEND TO FORGET SOMETIMES."

I had half an hour until time to get up, so I closed my eyes and thought of all I had to be thankful for.

The most WONDERFUL blessing, of course, is having such a GREAT God as our Creator! So great and loving is He, that He "gave His only begotten Son..." (John 3:16) I could hear the deep, even breathing of our little daughter, sleeping in her crib, and I thought how heartbreaking it would be to give her up. Oh, how dearly God loves us that He would give His only Son to die a cruel, agonizing death on the cross, that we might live! "Thank You, Father!"

I glanced at my husband, a special blessing from God, and my heart lifted in praise to Him who is the giver of every good and

perfect gift. (James 1:17) I prayed that God would help me to be a good helper to my husband. "Thank You, Father!"

I thought of what my husband has said; "When a good thought comes into your mind, that is the Spirit speaking to you. Without Him, you would HAVE no good thoughts." I praised God for sending His Holy Spirit to man. (John 14:16) "Thank You, Father!"

The Spirit brought many things to my mind which I had always taken for granted. I thanked God for my hearing; that I am able to enjoy the sound of birds singing, wind rustling through trees, my husband's voice, our baby's laughter, and so many other things. I thanked Him, also, for my eyes, that I can see the wonderful world God has made for us. I thought, ashamedly, of the times I had complained about my need of correction lenses. "I wish I had good eyes," I'd say, not thinking how BLESSED I was to be able to see at ALL! So now, I praised God for His goodness, not only that I can see, but also for the minds He created in men, that they have found ways to improve eyesight. This brought me to thank God for my mind, and I prayed that He would help me to always use it in the right way. (Isaiah 26:3)

Oh, yes — as I lay there, I thought of many, many blessings, both spiritual and material, which God has showered down upon me and I thought "I'm not worthy."

But THAT is the GREATNESS of God! He gave us His Son and His gift of salvation, when we were yet SINNERS! (Romans 5:8) "THANK YOU, FATHER!!"

Sister Julie Litfin

ME, THAT WORM

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)." Eph. 2:4-5.

We are saved by the grace of God. What is grace? The unmerited and the undeserved love and favor of God toward man. We didn't deserve His love, His mercy, but His love is so great He was willing to send His only begotten Son into this sinful world that we, worms as we are, could have that salvation and life eternal.

We all can remember about the fall of man in the beginning. We can remember that Noah preached, but to no avail. Only eight souls entered the ark. We can remember that Christ walked upon this earth and preached the Gospel and how He told us we should live and be followers of Him. We can remember that He hung on the cross of Calvary with blood running down His face and His side, and some of that blood fell on us. Without His blood we can

have no life at all. He was put in a tomb, but, Praise His Holy Name, He could not be kept inside. He rose again and is now seated at the right hand of the Father. He also is coming back to this earth to take His children home with Him. He told us that He is going away to prepare a place for us. And we remember Jesus' words, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; and that where I am, there ye may be also."

Are we looking for this great time? Jesus told us that "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Do we praise God for this? Are we happy that we can have life everlasting? Yes, I'm sure we are, but do we care about those who don't have Jesus as their Savior? Is there a burden upon our hearts for them? Or do we become self-righteous and say within ourselves, as long as I'm saved, who cares about the rest of the world?

Am I a soldier of the cross? Am I a worker in God's vineyard? Yes, we long to see Jesus and live in Heaven with Him, we long to see our loved ones who have gone on before, and we get homesick for Heaven. He who seldom thinks of Heaven is not likely to be on his way to Heaven.

But we still have a work to do, while we are here in this world. We can't sit back and wait for Jesus to return, we must occupy till He comes. We must teach our children the ways of God, and believe me, they can't get too much of God's teaching, if it is taught in the right way.

Sometimes it is good if we just stop and take notice of who we are, what we are doing, and where we are going. A worm saved by the grace of God, working in God's vineyard, trying to help others along life's way, pointing others to the cross of Christ, and heading toward our eternal home.

This story is told of an Indian chief. An old Indian chief, after living in sin many years, was led by a traveling missionary, to receive Christ as his personal Savior. The old chief was so completely transformed that his friends were at a loss to understand what had taken place. (God formed us, sin deformed us, but Christ alone can transform us.) One autumn evening while burning leaves by his house, friends asked him to explain the sudden and wonderful change. The old man was not eloquent in speech, but in three short words he dramatically declared what God's love through Christ meant to him. Reaching down to the ground he picked up a little worm and placed it on the very top of a pile of leaves. Then touching a match to the leaves, he watched them smolder a few seconds and burst into flames. The flames worked their way up the pile toward the center where the little worm lay.

Then suddenly the old chief plunged his hand into the center of the burning pile of leaves and snatched out the worm. Holding it gently in his hand he looked up at his friends, paused a moment with tears in his eyes. Then he gave his testimony — "Me, ... that worm!!"

Brother Ray Stuber

REVERENCE AND DEVOTION

Reverence: Fear mingled with respect and esteem. Devotion: Action of devoting or consecrating, observance of a religious practice or duty. Webster.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it." Matt. 13:45-46.

Generally speaking, humanity is seeking pearls such as wealth, learning and honor, but they usually accept something far inferior to the pearl desired. In the text we notice that the Kingdom of Heaven is likened to a goodly pearl. It is so valuable that the merchant will sell everything he has to obtain it.

To be a true follower of Christ with the ultimate end, a place in the Kingdom of Heaven, is a pearl of inestimable value. It will bring happiness, faith and hope in this life and make us rich toward God in the next. "If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Rom. 8:17.

I wonder if we think of the devotion and reverence that we owe unto God? How much do we show: for His Word, in His service, at the time of prayer, in singing and in observance of our religious duties?

It is sad to see and hear the lack of devotion and reverence when God's Word is read, for those who are spending time and money to promote His service, when prayer is offered, and even in song service. "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Eph. 5:19. Do we realize that we are to sing and make melody in our heart to the Lord? Not repeat words or tunes but sing hymns and spiritual songs from the heart, with reverence and devotion to the Lord.

A good merchant will recognize a valuable pearl and will not accept an inferior. His heart is set on that one thing and he is willing to leave all to get it. Are we too easily satisfied that we have this pearl, or does our continual devotion and reverence show that our heart is set on Christ and His service?

Is our greatest desire to please Him and promote His glory? We might refer to numerous examples: David's latter life, Solomon's early reign, the Apostle John, Mary Magdalene, Paul and many others. We need, and many others need, the teaching that sets forth the doctrine of salvation in the true Gospel light.

In conclusion may we think of our personal duties unto God, which are only reasonable service of one who would worship Him. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1.

Brother Howard J. Surbey
Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340

EMPTY HANDS

"A little girl had a trinket which she thought alot of. It wasn't worth very much, but it was pretty, and she didn't want to part with it. Her father had a gift for her of far greater value, but before she could have it, she had to let go of her worthless trinket. This brought tears, but she finally was able to do as he asked."

Something more valuable was promised to this girl, but it was still hard for her to let go. This story shows how hard it is for us to let go of things and ideas which aren't worth much, things which just clutter up our lives like junk which clutters up a closet. We know God has offered us something so much better but we can't receive what He has for us as long as our hearts and hands are full of this world's trinkets. Yet we try to hang on to these things hoping we can have both.

"Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun." Ecc. 2:11. We say alot of things, do alot of things and worry about many other things, but none of it really amounts to much in the end. The only matters of true value are those which pertain to our spiritual lives. Only too often we fill our lives with everything but that which we should and it is just vanity and vexation of spirit. Earthly things are temporary and can only bring a temporary satisfaction.

In the summer, one often goes to the garden just to look around, and returns with both hands full to overflowing. Someone else comes along and offers you something else that's good, but there is no way you can accept it when your hands are already full. You must empty them before you can receive anything else. This same principle applies spiritually. If your hands (your life) are already

full, you can't receive anything, no matter how good it is nor how great your need is.

"He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent away empty." Luke 1:53. Someone who is hungry has a need; one who is rich doesn't usually have a need, especially for food. Both have the same spiritual need and only God can supply it, but in order to receive, there must be room in their lives for it. "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." Psalms 34:10b. The rich are full and already satisfied with what they have, but the hungry are looking for something to fill their emptiness and satisfy their needs. This is true both naturally and spiritually.

"And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat." Luke 15:16. This young man was so hungry that even the hog feed looked good. He had nothing better to eat where he was, but he soon thought about a place where the food was better — at his father's. When he returned to his father, it was with empty hands. He had nothing and came seeking mercy and his father's care. He was truly ready to receive. If you want God's mercy and care, you too must get out of the "hog pen" and go where you can receive it.

Having both hands full does not mean all is well in our lives. It may only mean we are overloaded with frivolous things and have no room for important things. Ecclesiastes 4:6 says "Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit." No matter what we have, if our hearts and hands are not filled with the things of God, we won't have contentment and peace. We'll just be full, but still hungry spiritually.

"I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land." Psalms 143:6. The Psalmist was reaching out for something he had need of. His hands were ready to receive the Lord's blessings — deliverance, guidance and mercy. There were times in David's life when his hands were filled with the wrong things, but later he reached for what he really needed — the things of God.

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded." James 4:8. There is only one place to go for true peace and satisfaction, and that is to God. In order to receive, we must be cleansed and it takes Jesus to do that, to empty both our hearts and hands of sin so He can fill us with His Spirit. We are to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18) and "the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ", (Phil. 1:11.), not with unrighteousness (see Rom. 1:29-32).

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be

meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10. The Lord promised an overflowing blessing following obedience. The little girl had to obey her father to receive his gift. So must you obey if you want what God has for you. This means you must let Jesus come in and take over your life. "Who shall stand in his holy place? — He that hath clean hands (empty of sin) and a pure heart." (Psa. 24:3-4)

Sister Eileen Broadwater

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"MIND REPROGRAMMING"

Young people, God's thoughts are totally different from the world's thoughts. They are SO different that God's thoughts often seem foolish to people of the world. (I Cor. 1:18)

This does not mean that everything non-Christians think up is sinful and useless. But worldly thinking is foolish when it leaves God out. (Ps. 14:1) Men today are always learning and are never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. (II Tim. 3:7) In God's eyes this thinking is ignorant and blind.

Have you as a young Christian slipped into the world's "leave-out-God" way of thinking? Are you leaving God out of your plans for today and the future? You don't know what your life will be like tomorrow. It is just like a vapor that appears for a short time and then vanishes away. (James 4:14-15) You need to start now in the habit of saying, "If the Lord wills, I will do this or that."

Thinking that ignores God seems harmless but it takes wisdom to know what kind of thinking is worldly and what kind isn't! If you are to be "in" the world and not "of" it, you must be careful of your thought patterns. The world pressures from television, radio, books, music, magazines, and modern people around us constantly urge you to think the same way they do and to conform. Surrounded by these pressures, you must learn to be discerning. Use Spirit-controlled wisdom and ability to screen out world-style thinking. Your life will be miserable if you believe the false information of the world.

Your computer-brain receives knowledge as input. The output from that knowledge is displayed in your actions and attitudes. If you program your mind with the world's garbage, soon your life is going to smell like the city dump! Conversely, if you program your mind with God's thinking, your lifestyle will reflect Christ-like qualities.

As we think of reprogramming our minds towards spirituality, we can reflect on several scriptures: Ephesians 4:23 talks about the "renewed mind," Colossians 3:10, Romans 12:2 speaks of renewing our minds. How? Through programming them towards God's Word. That is where the real "milk and meat" of life are found. As you peel away world-system attitudes, you uncover the desire to have God's wisdom and thoughts. Read the Bible. Don't only read it... STUDY IT. Spend time in the Word. Meditate, reread, concentrate on it. It will truly renew and reprogram your mind. You need to find a quiet place to study and you will have to say "no" to peers who want to do everything else but study.

I challenge you to revitalize, reprogram, and strengthen your mind for God. "... Forget those things which are behind and reach forth unto those things which are before. Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philipians 3:13-14.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

"THE KING IS COMING"

Matt. 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12

Did you ever see a King? We live in a country that doesn't have a king, but there are still some countries that have kings and queens to rule them. When Jesus was here many nations had kings. The Roman Empire had an emperor who ruled over many kings and he was called Caesar. Caesar was ruler over the Jews and they didn't like it a bit. They wanted to rule over other nations like it was in the time of Solomon. The Jewish people had disobeyed God and worshipped idols and God allowed other nations to rule over them.

The prophets of Israel said that the Jews would sometime have a King who would come to save them. They could only understand that this King would be a man like other kings. The prophets even told them that their King would come riding upon a donkey.

Jesus was their King. He was the One the prophets told about. He would be meek and lowly; He would heal the sick, give sight to the blind and make the deaf hear. The leaders of the Jews couldn't understand that a King could be an humble person. The time came that Jesus did ride into the city of Jerusalem on a donkey. The common people seemed to understand. They had seen Jesus do many miracles — even raise the dead! They spread their clothes in

front of Jesus and cut branches of trees and spread them on the road. There were multitudes that went before and followed after Jesus saying, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord; peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

There were some Pharisees in the crowd and they said unto Jesus, "Master, rebuke thy disciples." They didn't believe Jesus was their King. Jesus said unto them, "I tell you that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

"The King is coming." No one could stop the people who thought Jesus was their King. A man, who could walk on the water and calm the storm, could cleanse the leper and raise the dead, could do anything!

Jesus didn't come to be the kind of king they thought He would be. Jesus came to establish a kingdom that they didn't understand. His kingdom was to be one of love, mercy, compassion and sympathy for others. Jesus came to take away our sins so that we might have eternal life. His own people condemned Him to die on the cross. Jesus gave His life for you and me, if we choose to live for Him and believe that He is our King.

Jesus went back to Heaven but He is coming again and it may be very soon. When He comes again He will not come as a little baby in a manger; He will not ride into Jerusalem on a donkey. He will come in power and great glory as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Those who believe in Jesus can say, "The King is coming."

Brother Rudy Cover

THE REASONABLENESS OF JESUS

"In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, and the word was God." John 1:1.

SWEARING — Profanity is a sin against reasonableness.

PRAYER — on street corners to be heard of men is of no value — but prayer in the closet where you can talk earnestly to God is reasonable.

FASTING — If it is to have value at all it must be an exercise of the soul. "Can the sons of the bridechamber mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then will they fast." How illuminating and sensible! "Is not the life more than the food?" What a deal is made of the things we eat with and the number of courses we eat. "Is not the body more than the raiment?" What the body needs in order that every organ in it may do easily and healthfully its appointed work, is in many cases not

at all considered. Who can number the people who are dragging out an existence pallid and nerveless, all because they made the raiment of more moment than the body. The sabbath was made for man and not man for the sabbath. "They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick." What man is there of you, who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or, if he shall ask for a fish will give him a serpent? If you then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

There is one sentence in the New Testament that all men should call golden: "All things, therefore, whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them." What is this but perfect sense? But some may ask: Does Jesus not virtually exhort his disciples to lie down and let men walk over them? No. You have gotten that idea from books other than the New Testament. Jesus is sensible at every point. "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast your pearls before the swine, lest haply they trample them under their feet and turn and rend you." Who are dogs? A certain kind of men. Who are swine? Another type of men. We are to discriminate. All men are not alike. All men are not to be treated alike. There were men who Jesus refused to answer. The High Priest was amazed because he held his tongue. Pontius Pilate was enraged because his prisoner would not answer him.

When Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, he told them if people were unwilling to listen to them, to shake the dust from their sandals against them and go somewhere else.

But some one say, "Is He not unreasonable in demanding that we believe a lot of doctrines which we cannot understand? Where does He demand that? Put your finger on the place. When we open the New Testament we hear Him saying "Follow Me! Follow me!" Jesus says if you want to understand the Christian life, then work at it. If you desire to know the truth, then live it. This is common sense. Men imagine they can become Christians by thinking about it, or by reading about it, or by hearing a preacher talk about it. How absurd! You can never become a Christian until you are willing to work at it. Are you willing to begin now?

Selected by
Brother Don Hostetler

ANOTHER GOD?

"A good American should vote for ??," the preacher loudly said. While another minister supported the opposite candidate, instead.

"A powerful military defense is what will keep our country strong," is heard.

While in the church down the street a sermon on disarmament is the word.

"Write your Senator to oppose this bill and support another one," the preacher cries.

While the church down the street proclaims the opposite and tells of political lies.

Tell the government "this", tell them "that", the demanding voices ring.

While the Bible tells us we are to be subject to the "king."

The Bible teaches that we are to obey government and live a peaceable life.

Much church teaching today leads, instead, to unrest and physical strife.

Churches argue politics, fellowship is broken, hate lies at the door. It may even go so far as Christians killing one another in war.

Has politics become "another god" that rules the hearts of men?

Both "fundamentalists" and "liberals" bow to it, again and again.

The glorious Gospel is ignored or simply "thrown in."

Politics are argued while souls go to Hell, forever lost in sin!

James M. Hite
816 E. Birch St.
Palmyra, Pa. 17078

NEWS ITEMS

BROADWATER CHAPEL, MARYLAND

Broadwater Chapel Congregation plans to hold their revival meetings July 25 to August 1. Lovefeast will be on Saturday, July 31. Brother Joseph Flora of Dallas Center, Iowa has consented to be the evangelist.

Please pray for these meetings and if possible plan to be with us.
Sister Diane Beeman, Cor.

THE BRETHREN ENCYCLOPEDIA

A detailed encyclopedia of Brethren life, belief, practice and history. Including the five main branches of the Brethren, who trace their origin back to Swarzenau, Germany will be published in late 1983.

Three volumes, totaling 2,000 pages, including 500 pictures. Pre-publication price \$95.00 postpaid until August 1983. After that date \$130.00 plus postage. Mail orders to: Brethren Encyclopedia, 6611 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19119.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR AUGUST, 1982

DELIVER AND DERISION

Memory Verse: Rom. 8:21

Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Sun. 1 - Rom. 4:1-25

Mon. 2 - Rom. 6:1-23

Tues. 3 - Rom. 7:1-25

Wed. 4 - Rom. 8:1-21

Thur. 5 - Rom. 8:22-39

Fri. 6 - Rom. 11:1-36

Sat. 7 - Rom. 15:1-33

Memory Verse: Rom. 8:32

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Sun. 8 - I Cor. 5:1-13

Mon. 9 - I Cor. 11:1-16

Tues. 10 - I Cor. 11:17-34

Wed. 11 - I Cor. 15:1-30

Thur. 12 - I Cor. 15:31-58

Fri. 13 - II Cor. 1:1-24

Sat. 14 - II Cor. 4:1-18

Memory Verse: Gal. 1:4

Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

Sun. 15 - Gal. 1:1-24

Mon. 16 - Col. 1:1-29

Tues. 17 - I Thess. 1:1-10

Wed. 18 - II Thess. 3:1-18

Thur. 19 - I Tim. 1:1-20

Fri. 20 - II Tim. 3:1-17

Sat. 21 - II Tim. 4:1-22

Memory Verse: Col. 1:12-13

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Sun. 22 - Heb. 2:1-18

Mon. 23 - II Pet. 2:1-22

Tues. 24 - Jude 1-25

Wed. 25 - Rev. 20:1-15

Thur. 26 - Psalms 2:1-12

Fri. 27 - Psalms 59:1-17

Sat. 28 - Psalms 79:1-13

Memory Verse: I Thess. 1:10

And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Sun. 29 - Psalms 119:41-64

Mon. 30 - Lam. 3:1-26

Tues. 31 - Hosea 7:1-16

Memory Verses: II Tim. 4:18

And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

II Pet. 2:9

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

AUGUST 1, 1982

NO. 15

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

ALL HAIL THE POWER

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all,
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

POWER

The ability and strength to accomplish a task is power. In mechanical applications, power is measured in horsepower. By knowing the power a machine possesses, it can be matched to the job to be done. Power may be intellectual or motivational rather than physical or mechanical. Through the power of the written and spoken word, nations and civilizations have been changed.

Leaders of nations, like our President, have much power. Leaders of business and labor can exert great power in the economic realm. The media has power to influence people through its image making ability. As great as these various possessors of power are, they are insignificant compared to God. God is power — not only physically, as shown through His creation, but also Spiritually, as shown through the renewed lives of the redeemed.

The power of God is manifested through all three persons of the Trinity. The Father's power is seen in the physical world and in judgment. The Son's power is seen in His power to lay down His life for the lost. The power of the Holy Ghost is evident in the changed lives of the regenerated.

Our lives when contrasted with the great and mighty men of the world may seem very insignificant and that we have very little power. We do not shape governmental policy. We do not have the economic strength to affect the financial world. In the temporal and material realm we have little influence or power. We often realize our powerlessness in Spiritual things. We need to have the Holy Spirit within to enliven and guide us. But even with the spirit

THE BIBLE MONITOR

AUGUST 1, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

present, we still find times when we are open to the enemy's attack. We simply do not, seemingly at least, have the power to deal with the enemy's attack on our lives.

In a time of weakness it is good for us to realize the resources available to us. We worry about Satan. We need to know about him and to realize that he is ever seeking to lead us astray. Although powerful, he is not the most powerful. The Christian has power available that is greater. If the Christian brings this power to bear against Satan, Satan will retreat. He will not surrender, only retire for a season, then he will be back. But each victory the Christian wins will strengthen him for the next battle with the enemy. The Christian's victory is based on the fact that he is Christ's own.

Jesus is greater than Satan. He is greater than any of the angels. Although the angels have a majestic work to do as the messengers of God they still are not as great as the Son of God. In a long ago time Satan was an angel. As Lucifer, he was one of the leaders of the angels, on a level with Michael and Gabriel. It would seem that he would have been pleased to have such a position but he wasn't. He began to desire more power and a higher position. He wanted to be like God and be worshipped like God. Pride and rebellion were in his heart. He was able to entice one third of the angels to follow him in rebellion. They lost. They were cast from Heaven. Satan and his host have spent their ensuing careers enticing men to follow their example of rebellion against God. By disguise and scheme they have allured many to follow them. They come even to the Christian as skin-deep sheep or as angelic lights. They are neither, but Christians would not be allured if their true nature and purpose were openly avowed.

The Christian's weapon against Satan is knowing that although he is powerful, he is not all powerful. Jesus is superior to the angels. Read the Book of Hebrews and see how Jesus is superior to every leader, philosophy or religion that has or does exist. Since Jesus is greater than the angels who serve God faithfully, He is, of course, more powerful than those who have rebelled against God. He is superior to Satan.

The Christian has access to this power in his oft-defeated life. Because the Christian is Christ's own, he can be victorious over Satan. The Christian need not be defeated by his enemy. Jesus never was overcome by him. Although it appeared Satan had won a great victory at Calvary a greater victory was won at the empty tomb. As prophesied Satan would bruise Christ's heel but would receive the far-deadlier wound in his head. Christ has won the victory. He is superior. He has won the victory not for Himself — He did not need it for Himself — He won it for us.

Satan is powerful but not all-powerful. Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Which do you want in your life?

GOD CARES

God cares — and He shows it in many little ways! Often we think of God's care and love as expressed in the outstanding ways and forget the little but very important ones. In particular, we think about our salvation and it is well that we should. God loves us and He has extended mercy to us through Christ, including eternal life for those who accept His mercy. This salvation, the new birth, is the beginning of our relationship with God.

Things begin to change once we experience the new birth. It is a beginning point, not the end. We begin to receive God's care and love in a day-to-day relationship with Him, much as a child begins his relationship with his parents when he is born. He is dependent on them, receiving their care, protection and love — whatever is needed if they are parents in the true sense — and he learns to love and respect them in return. They give to their child because they want to, not just because they are obligated, and he loves them because he appreciates them.

God shows a special concern for His own, and we can see it if we look for it. There is tenderness in His care and concern for our little needs as well as our big ones. There are times that He prepares someone in advance to reach out to others in supportive love before they are aware of a special need. At other times, God sends an expression of His loving care at exactly the moment of crisis. However or whenever God provides, we can be sure it is because He truly loves us, and our heartaches and needs do concern Him.

Some time ago during a period of considerable distress in my life, a friend sent me a letter assuring me of her non-stop prayers. I wondered why she wrote as she did, as she knew very little about the situation, yet had written as though she understood entirely. In about a week, things were worse and I knew then the reason for her concern. God had given me advance notice that she would be praying during my hour of crisis. A short time later, another friend extended a special gesture of kindness to me. She was totally unaware of my need, yet I believe God used her to give me a much-needed life. Neither friend really knew my need, but God did.

"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isa. 65:24. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Rom. 8:26. You may not know when to pray nor how to pray, but that

doesn't keep God from seeing your need and answering. He wants us to bring our needs to Him, but God sees before we can think to speak and He doesn't always wait for us to pray before He provides.

Between the new birth and Eternity is the time we have to learn how much God cares. During this time there should be a mutual exchange of love as in a parent-child relationship. We can be sure God will do His part; then it's up to us to do ours. A child can't give as a parent does, neither can we love as God does, but we should love to the limit of our capacity.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." I John 3:1a. This is the ultimate in loving care, that God would make us children of His. Not only does He care about us as people, but God wants us to be part of His family, a closer relationship than that of friendship. As a child of God, He will take care of us and bless us. He will be watching over us when troubles come, when we are disturbed in heart and don't know which way to turn. God will be there also when there is joy to be shared.

God grants us merciful care, helping us when we least deserve it. He provides for us on a personal basis, considering individual needs. If we fall, He will lift us up and sustain us by His strength (Psa. 37:24). God keeps us in perfect peace when we trust Him (Isa. 26:3), providing stability when storms come, and also contentment to wait on Him. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." I Peter 5:7. This total care is ours if we will lay our needs and cares before Him.

God shows us in many different ways that He cares for us. You can do likewise for those around you, if you will. People need your love and concern, and showing them that you care should be done simply and sincerely. It doesn't require anything spectacular to help someone, but it is the little gestures of kindness which mean the most. The things you do for others can help to bring them in contact with Jesus' love. Then they, too, can learn how much God really cares.

Sister Eileen Broadwater

THOUGHTS ON FEAR

In Luke 12:32 we read, "FEAR NOT, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

We believe there is the right kind of fear to have as given in such verses as Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge:..." and Matthew 10:28 "And fear not them which kill

the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather FEAR HIM which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Many Bible scholars feel this is reverence rather than actual fear. While we feel this is basically correct, we do not believe that it is wrong to have fear in our hearts that keeps us from sin. Of course, it is a sign of maturity when it is no longer fear but love that allows us to walk in obedience to Christ.

We are told that some must be brought to Christ through fear. Jude verses 22-23 "And of some have compassion, making a difference: and others SAVE WITH FEAR, pulling them out of the fire;..." We believe this refers to preaching and talking about the reality of an eternal hell.

There appears to be a close connection many times between fear and hate. This leads us into a discussion on a wrong type of fear. During the times of slavery in our country many times children were taught to fear the black people. This fear usually led to hate. In our childhood we often heard the term "the boogie man will get you." Many children associated the "boogie man" with black people. This caused fear and eventually ill feelings toward this race of people. We should be careful not to teach our children to fear another person because he is different than they are. In times of war we are taught to fear the enemy. This causes society as a whole to support the killing of these individuals. Even women and children of the "enemy" are often thought of as better off dead. Unfortunately even many who name the name of Christ fear Communism in such a way that they are willing to have their children take lives in order to stop its aggression. It is only through the power of Jesus Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit that we can change fear (hate) into love. Since an unregenerate society does not have this power at its disposal we can not expect them to live by Christian standards.

There seems to be a great fear among both the saved and unsaved concerning a total destruction by nuclear weapons. Many churchmen have joined in demonstrations against this awesome power. Some have even used violence to demonstrate their desire for peace! We do not believe it is wrong to have CONCERN about the many lives that could be taken by nuclear weapons. It is probably not wrong for churchmen to speak out against using these weapons. But we do feel it is wrong to use any type of coercion to try to make civil government lived by Christian standards. Most of all we believe it is wrong for Christians to be overcome by FEAR of nuclear power. The Bible seems to be very clear that it will be GOD, not man, who will destroy the world.

As Christians we do not have to fear the economic situation.

God has promised to supply our every need. We need not fear sickness, pain or sorrow for he has promised us that His grace is sufficient for all our needs. We can truly say, "We know not what tomorrow holds but we know who holds tomorrow."

Brother James M. Hite
816 E. Birch St.
Palmyra, Pa. 17078

THE SOLID ROCK OR SOLID ROCK, WHICH?

"And did all drink the same spiritual drink: For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." I Cor. 10:4.

Let's for a moment look at Jesus Christ, the Solid Rock. In Matt. 7:24 we find Christ beginning the account of two persons. "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock." We see the first person building his house on the Solid Rock, Christ Jesus, and the rain came down and the wind was a-blowing and it beat upon his house. Troubles and trials came upon him, strange winds and doctrines blew at him, but he remained on that Solid Rock. How do we behave ourselves when these things come upon us? Are we on that Rock? Are we like the first man, or are we like the next man who built his house on the sinking sand? The wind blew, the rain came, and his house fell, and great was the fall of his house. We each live in a little house of clay. These bodies of ours are the temple of God. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any many defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." I Cor. 3:16-17. The second person defiled his house by building on the sand and he was destroyed. We want to get into more of that in the second part of this article.

In II Sam. 22:2-3, we find David speaking to the Lord in a song in a day that the "Rock" delivered him out of the hand of enemies and also from King Saul. "And he said, the Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; the God of my rock; in him will I trust; he is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my Savior; thou savest me from violence." We see that Christ the Rock is a deliverer. He can deliver us from solid rock.

David says in Psalms 95:1, "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." Jesus is the Rock of our Salvation. He is the only one who can give us that gift of Salvation, but we must be willing to accept it. He will not force it on us.

"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12. Peter made this statement and how true it is. There is no salvation in any other than Jesus Christ, the Solid Rock. No one else can save us. One day I met a certain man who wanted to sell me a set of cassette tapes with the reading of the Bible thereon. He went on to say that alot of people don't have time to read the Bible, but they can listen to the tapes anytime while they were working. He said he had never read the Bible but listened to the tapes many times. From talking with him I must say I had to agree that he didn't read and study the Bible, for this is the statement that he made, "At least, I listen to the tapes and know how to save myself. So many people don't even know how to save themselves." Can we save ourselves? I felt very sorry for that poor man, although I didn't buy his tapes. I feel sorry for him in a different way, because that poor man is building his house on the sinking sand. The Word of God says in Phil. 2:12 that we must work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. Let's take the next verse with that also, verse 13, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." So we cannot save ourselves, only by Jesus and His shed blood can we have that perfect gift of salvation. Paul, in Heb. 2:3, says, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." There is no escape without Jesus the Rock of Ages.

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee."

"For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges." Deut. 32:31. We like to think of the other rock that we have as the second part of our topic. We have a little bit of a picture of The Solid Rock, now let's think of solid rock. What do we have in mind? The music of today — rock music. Does it affect our lives and our souls? Can we be built on The Solid Rock and listen to solid rock and still reach our Home Over Yonder?

According to the Word of God, I don't believe we can be partakers of rock music. For one thing we find in Eph. 5:19, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." This verse certainly leaves no time or space for rock music. Speaking of rock and roll, let's go to Jeremiah 51:25, "Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain." That is exactly what will happen to the rock music stars and their listeners; they will be rolled down from the rocks instead of singing

their rock and rolling songs. Unless they repent and turn to The Solid Rock, they will be burnt in the pits of an eternal Hell fire, where there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, a place where the fire is not quenched and the worm dieth not. Is it worth it? Dear young people, if you are involved in that music, flee from it, and let the Solid Rock, Christ Jesus, be your Rock.

John Lennon of the Beatles once made this remark: "Christianity will go. It will vanish and shrink. I needn't argue about that. I'm right and I will be proven right. We're more popular than Jesus now." And we all know where that man is spending his time right now unless he repented before his life was taken. Peter Criss of a rock group called "Kiss" made this remark, "I find myself evil. I believe in the devil as much as God. You can use either one to get things done." Just recently I heard that the letters making up their group name actually stands for "Kids in Satan's Service." The Beatles top record album sold about ten million units in the United States. Who is buying them? Certainly it should not be Christian youth.

Through the ages man has realized that music not only gives pleasure and enjoyment through listening, it has power to control minds and bodies as well. Just recently I saw a young girl with a prayer veil on her head jumping around on the seat in the car. It wondered me what her problem was. Just then I heard her call out the window to a boy in another car, "On 97." Then I knew why she was jumping around. Rock music has power to move the human body, it has power to make people do things they would never otherwise do. It advocates drugs, sex and lust. Music can and does control our emotions, our actions and our attitudes. According to a national survey, 87% of all teenagers are exposed to rock music three to five hours a day.

Rock music is the work of the devil and of communism to take young people's minds away from God and spiritual things. Is there any wonder we should cry out a warning against rock music? I'm afraid we are not crying out enough. As parents we should not allow that music in our homes. Joshua said in Joshua 24:15, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." That should be the motto of each Christian home. We cannot sanction rock music for our children and still be faithful to that motto. "Of the Rock that begat thee thou art un-mindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee." Deut. 32:18. How often do we forget that Rock that formed us?

At the onstart of this article we mentioned how a certain man built his house on the sand and defiled his temple. Rock music

defiles our bodies. We often think of drugs, alcoholic beverages, fornication, and smoking as defiling our bodies, and very true, they do. But I truly believe rock music will encourage all of these plus just the music alone will destroy you as an individual. It will destroy your spiritual welfare.

One time I was painting at a house, where other workers had rock music playing on their radio. After a short while my body felt very nervous and fidgety. I started feeling sick. Never let anybody tell you it doesn't affect your body, I know it does. How can anybody who names the name of Christ, the true Rock, ever feel in a saved relationship with the Savior and listen to and desire to listen to that "noise"? A specialist in sound said, "Rock music is deafening and is shortening the life span of this generation."

Since rock music started in 1960, prostitution among girls under eighteen has increased 318%. Since 1960, drug arrests among teenagers has increased 3,109%. Murders committed by young people have increased 1,057%.

Rock music has led many young people into becoming involved with Satanic cults, another thing that we should cry out about. I Tim. 4:1, "Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." Many doctrines of devils are floating around, and when we are not built on the Solid Rock we will accept and fall for cults.

They now have what they call "Gospel Rock." Can we take the hymns of the church and add rock music to it and still call it Christian? God forbid. So many of the gospel songs are getting that rock beat to them, and this is not acceptable in God's sight. In fact, it causes a stink to enter His nostrils, and not a sweet-smelling savor. People try to dress rock music up to look good, but it is still rock.

Much more could be said on this subject, but I want to leave this question, "The Solid Rock or solid rock, which?"

Brother Ray L. Stuber

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

"A DEN OF THIEVES"

Matt. 21:12-16; Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48; 21:37, 38

It was a time for celebration in the city of Jerusalem. The Passover time was near. Jews from every nation would come to celebrate this great feast in memory of the time when God delivered them from the land of Egypt. The people thronged the Temple where they could get their money changed into coins that

were used in Jerusalem. There were doves for sale there for sacrifice and many other things. I suppose there were souvenirs and trinkets of all kinds. Just like today — wherever people go for a vacation there are all kinds of merchandise for sale. People like to make money and it doesn't matter to some how or where they get it.

Jesus came to the Temple. It was supposed to be a place where the people worshipped God. Jesus looked about Him and saw the people buying and selling and changing money right in the House of God. Jesus said, "It is written, My House shall be called a House of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

The people were not only buying and selling in God's House but were charging outrageous prices. They were actually stealing from those who came to worship God. Jesus cast them out of the Temple and overturned the tables of the money changers. He wouldn't even let them carry any vessels through the Temple. How could one man do what Jesus did? Jesus was God. When He decided to clean up the Temple, He did it. No one could stop Him. I don't believe any one tried. They didn't dare!

The blind and the lame came to Him and He healed them and everyday He taught in the Temple — teaching people how to live for God. When the Scribes and Chief Priests saw the wonderful things Jesus did and heard the children saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David", they were displeased and said to Jesus, "Do you hear what these say?" They thought it was wrong for them to call Jesus the Son of David, but Jesus said, "Have you never read, Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?"

The children knew Jesus but the Chief Priests and Scribes didn't. They didn't want to. They were the rulers of the people and didn't want Jesus to teach them anything — not even how to live good lives. Jesus said, "Except you become as a little child, you cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

How are WE doing today? Are we missing out on God's richest blessings because we spend too much time buying and selling? Are we robbing God by spending our time in getting instead of giving? Do we go to God's House with our minds so full of material things that we don't understand the Word of God that is preached and taught? "Come let us reason together," saith the Lord. We don't need to make God's House a "den of thieves."

Brother Rudy Cover

THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Human beings in general are pleased by beauty and admire it. Much expense and effort is used to make things beautiful, attractive or pleasing to those with whom we come in contact.

People travel far to behold something that is claimed to be beautiful.

This brings us to the thought of what is beauty? Numerous answers would be given if the question was individually asked of a number of people. If we were to limit our question to Church members, I believe that we would still receive various answers. Let us meditate; in the sight of God, What is beauty?

I wonder if many folks have thought of the Beauty of Holiness — purity, freedom from sin. At first thought many think of its limits, restrictions and even its trials and afflictions. I am convinced that even the ungodly, down deep in their hearts, admire, are pleased with, and attracted by purity and holiness. I know that God is and certainly all Christian people are.

At first the ungodly often ridicule holiness in order to excuse themselves. But the continuation of holiness will put them to silence, not knowing how to withstand it. "Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined." Psalms 50:2. God holds the storehouse of beauty. We only see the bits of it that He has allowed to come to this earth. God is pleased with our reflection of beauty.

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Psalms 29:2. How many times even those who try to worship God, fail to worship Him in the Beauty of Holiness? How far short we come from glorifying His name. "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth." Psalms 96:9. How beautiful it would be if all the earth attempted to fear and serve the living God.

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, the Lord reigneth:" I Chronicles 16:29-31. Oh, the beauty of holiness. The world shall be stable. It is astonishing to think back over the history of the world, the general arrangement of things on the earth, and see how unstable it has been. Notice in this Scripture that the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoices and men realize that the Lord reigneth, when we worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness.

"I rejoice greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father." II John 4. Will not all true Christian people feel as John felt? Even the feet of those are beautiful, who preach and bring glad tidings of good things. Romans 10:15.

Oh that we might realize the Spiritual, mental and even physical beauty that would result from a whole-hearted obedience to God's Word. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us

cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." II Cor. 7:1.

Brother Howard J. Surbey
Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340

THE ORIGINALITY OF JESUS

"And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, write: for these words are true and faithful." Revelation 21:5.

"A new teaching" — "What manner of man is this?"

If Jesus had repeated the old teachings in the old fashion, he would not have infuriated the Scribes and Pharisees, and brought about the tragedy of Golgotha. He was too original to be enduring. He advanced too many strange and revolutionary ideas to make it safe for the land to hold Him. It was because He made all things new that they nailed Him to the cross.

We shall not find the originality of Jesus in His phrases or even in His conceptions, but rather in His emphasis and His manner of reading life and the world. He came to fulfill and to put emphasis on the words of those before Him. Men were reading the scriptures before Christ came but they did not know which words to emphasize. Jesus understood. The result was that the Scripture became new.

The leaders of the Jewish church had forgotten the point of emphasis. Jesus knew that by emphasizing mercy instead of sacrifice He made religion new. Men had forgotten how to read the world. There were institutions and there were human beings, and the wisest men of Israel had forgotten which is most important — an institution or a man. Jesus threw emphasis on the individual soul and by so doing opened a new epoch in the history of the world.

Jesus was always positive, certain, infallible. "Verily, verily, I say unto you." This was the manner of His speech, and it was a manner He caught from none other.

He was different from all other men that had ever been, and He said so. He lifted himself into a unique position and claimed for Himself privileges and rights which He denied to all others. He claimed to be the light of the world, the bread of life, the water of life, the only good shepherd, the way, the truth, the life, the only mediator between God and man, the only one who knows Deity completely and who can save the world from its sins.

Paul said, "O Wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" And then one day he met Jesus, and behold, all things became new.

Has life grown irksome and the world drab and commonplace? Life has lost its sparkle and its zest? What will you do?

Go to Jesus and give yourself afresh to Him. Sink your life deeper into His life and catch His ways of seeing things and serving God. Take His standpoint, assume His attitude, catch His emphasis, drink in the accent of His voice, and undoubtedly He will do for you what He did for Saul of Tarsus, and what He has done and is doing still for many — He will make all things new!

Selected by Brother Don Hostetler

SATAN

We read in Job 1:6-8, "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it. And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?"

We also read that he even tempted our Blessed Lord. But Jesus did not fall for his temptations but answered him, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." He is always around trying to get a soul to follow him. Let us be on our guard, dear ones. If he finds some weak one he keeps offering them things that draws them till he has them won. This is a sad thing. Many leave the Church and go back into the world because he offered them a world of pleasure, never stopping to think of what the end will be.

Satan has power and has reached a perilous peak, seeking souls to devour on every passing street, always reaching out with that shining and glittering rod, trying so hard to destroy the children of God. We must remember Satan has a wonderful power. But let us, as Christ's children, also remember there is One above with a greater power, and can lift our souls to a perfect bliss. We must put on the armour of God, so we will be able to stand against Satan's temptations and glittering rod. A child of God goes to God's house to learn more about our Blessed Lord, but those of the world spend their day seeking worldly pleasure, never stopping to think that this may be their last day on earth.

Did you ever think how much good comes from lending a helping hand or giving a kind word to someone who is down and out? This world would sure be a sad place if Christ had not risen from the dead. I don't think a soul would want to live in it. Let us seek the mercy seat where Christ does answer our prayers. We know none will perish there. Dear ones, we are told we are judged

by the company we keep so let us try to seek out those who need the Saviour and try to win them for Christ. Many a time a person is misunderstood, but remember, dear ones, there is no misunderstanding in how we act and how we live. Let us put our trust in Jesus, the one who will never leave us. He will never fail nor forsake us. If we have made a covenant with Him, I am sure He will never break it. Let us rest upon his promises, for He is all sufficient.

Sister E. M. Alltus

NEWS ITEMS

SWALLOW FALLS, MARYLAND

The Lord willing, the Swallow Falls Congregation plan their Revival Meeting to be held August 13 through August 22 with the Lovefeast on the 21st, with Bro. Dennis St. John as our Evangelist.

We invite each to come and enjoy these services with us. We are few in number and appreciate other members coming to worship with us. Pray that the Church may be strengthened and souls be drawn closer to the Lord.

Sister Louise Sines, Cor.

MECHANICSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The Mechanicsburg Congregation is planning, the Lord willing, to hold a ten day revival meeting, with Brother Virgil Leatherman as evangelist. The date is August 20 to 29, 1982. Everyone is welcome. Come praying and believing.

Sister Mary Hartz, Cor.

LITITZ, PENNSYLVANIA

The Lititz Congregation was blessed with a beautiful May 16 for their Spring Lovefeast. All through the day we were inspired with the spiritual messages brought to us by the visiting ministers. We were thankful to have with us James Kegerreis, Jacob Ness, David Kegerreis, Ronald Marks and Paul Hartz, who officiated in the evening.

Our revival meetings ended July 4. Bro. Paul Hartz labored with us for two weeks. The seed has truly been sown and we could feel the burden for lost souls was heavy upon his heart. We were made to rejoice for the one who has accepted the Lord as his Savior. It was a privilege to have Sis. Hartz with us. May the Lord richly bless Bro. and Sis. Hartz as they continue in the Lord's work.

Sister Dorcas Myers, Cor.



If a man is too busy to worship God twice on Sunday and once on Wednesday night, he has more business than God intended him to have. J. C. Penny

DIRECTORY OF BOARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dale E. Jamison, Chairman
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Ray R. Reed, Secretary
Box 12, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Joseph E. Flora, Chairman
R. 3 Box 12, Adel, Iowa 50003

Hayes Reed, Secretary
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

William Carpenter, Treasurer
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Harley Rush
R. 1, Converse, Indiana 46919

Galen Litfin
1314 East 7th St.
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Dale Jamison
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Jacob C. Ness
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

Frank Shaffer
13062 Grant Shook Rd.
Greencastle, PA 17225

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Howard J. Surbey, Chairman
749 W. King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340

Jacob C. Ness, Secretary
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

H. Edward Johnson, Treasurer
5-1307-S.H. 108
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Dean St. John
1040 Hillsdale Road, R. 1
Camden, Michigan 49232

Warren C. Smith
McClave, Colorado 81057

BIBLE STUDY BOARD

William Carpenter, Chairman
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Eugene Kauffman, Secretary
R. 6, Box 51
Harrisburg, Virginia 22801

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

Rudolph Cover
2034 Roble Ave.
Modesto, CA 95351

Dennis St. John
Rt. 1
Bryan, Ohio 43506

RELIEF BOARD

Boyd Wyatt, Chairman
4925 Tegner Rd.
Hughson, CA 95326
209-883-4138

Newton Jamison, Secretary
512 Garfield
Quinter, Kansas 67752
913-754-3433

Kyle Reed, Treasurer
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
515-677-2467

Virgil Leatherman
419 N. Queen St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-5753

Robert Carpenter
R. 5, Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

TORREON NAVAJO MISSION

David Skiles, Superintendent
R. 2 Box 8
Cuba, New Mexico 87013

Hayes Reed, Chairman
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

Kyle Reed, Secretary
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167

Newton Jamison, Treasurer
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Harley Flory
R. 4, Defiance, Ohio 43512

All contributions to the various Boards should be made out to the Treasury, but sent to the Secretary for his records.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

AUGUST 15, 1982

NO. 16

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE

My Father's way may twist and turn
My heart may throb and ache.
But in my soul I'm glad I know,
He maketh no mistake.
My cherished plans may go astray,
My hopes may fade away,
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead
For He doth know the way.
For by and by the mist will lift
And plain it all He'll make.
Through all the way, tho' dark to me,
He made not one mistake.

- A.M. Overtan

Selected by Sister Maxine Leatherman

PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

We tend to think of miracles as huge events, often affecting the course of nature. It is beyond the normal activity of nature for the Red Sea to part to allow the children of Israel to cross dry shod. That event is truly miraculous. It affected many people and it happened in a time of crisis. An event that affects only an individual may not be recognized so readily as being a miracle. There is one miracle that has happened to many individuals, which is seldom credited with being miraculous. Yet this miracle involves a change in nature that is every bit as dramatic as the parting of the Red Sea.

This miracle involves the change in the nature of the Christian. Everyone born in this world has the nature of man. By this nature we react to events and objects around us. This nature causes us to be self-oriented. We are ever looking out for ourselves and this is often shown through anger, hatred and selfishness. The miracle is the change that occurs in that nature making it a divine nature. The nature of God is altogether different than the nature of man. It is the difference between the Creator and the created. At the time of conversion, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the created becomes a partaker or possessor of the Creator's nature.

The nature of man is unacceptable to God because it brings forth sin. That sin separates man from God. In order for man to be acceptable to God he must have a new nature. Man could not secure that nature through his own efforts, no matter how good and meritorious they might seem. God, Himself, provided the opportunity for each individual to have the nature pleasing to Him, through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and the wooing

THE BIBLE MONITOR

AUGUST 15, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

and indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

If the children of Israel had refused to cross the Red Sea dry shod they would have been destroyed by Pharaoh. If they had thought they could get across by their own effort they would have failed. Yet many today refuse the help offered by God. God has provided the way of escape, just as He did for Israel, but if we refuse it, we will have to suffer the consequences.

Peter, in his Second Epistle, speaks of becoming partakers of divine nature. He first speaks of God's part in this miracle. Without His part there would be no miracle, it would be impossible for us to acquire the divine nature. But God did make the first move toward us and through His Word we have knowledge of His Grace toward us. He has called us to glory and virtue. The divine nature not only brings blessings for us to enjoy but also virtue, or righteousness, into our lives. A person having the divine nature can no longer live in the same way as before. His power has been expended that we might have life and godliness. Life is more than the few years of existence on this earth. It is an eternal life spent with the One who gives us His nature. The time we do spend on this earth is to be lived in godliness. Our lives are to reflect the fact that God's nature dwells within us.

Certainly these are great and precious promises. Men may fail in keeping their promises but God never does. His promises are bigger than any men can ever make, but they are surer.

The divine nature separates us from the corruption of the world. Where the nature of man has held sway, corruption and decay have been prominent. The world is an impermanent place. It will all decay away eventually. The lusts of men place them in the place of not only having bodies that will decay in the grave, but souls that will be eternally separated from God.

The children of Israel had to go forward to get beyond the Red Sea. If they had not stepped into that dry lake bed, God's efforts for their safety and happiness would have been for naught. But they did go forward, and not only did they safely reach the other side, but their enemies were destroyed by the very element that had protected them. The partakers of the divine nature cannot stand still and do nothing. There is a work and self effort to be made. The fruits of the Spirit are to be ripening in each life. There is a needed effort in the life of each believer. We can no more expect the benefits of the divine nature if we do nothing, than the children of Israel could expect to cross the Red Sea without stepping into that recently water covered area.

The divine nature can be yours. God has made it possible. Will you possess His great and precious promises? Will this be your miracle?

TRUE BEAUTY

Most everyone would like to be beautiful, wouldn't they? This can be either good or bad, depending on what type of beauty they desire.

I feel that we put too much thought and worry into our OUTWARD appearance, while our INWARD appearance cries for attention. Why not concentrate our efforts for beauty on the most IMPORTANT place . . . our heart?

TRUE beauty comes from being in CLOSE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD. It is a beauty that comes from WITHIN (I Peter 3:4), and radiates OUT to all those around. It is a beauty that will LAST FOR ETERNITY, while mere physical, or outward beauty, will fade. True, inner beauty is what Christ had.

God wants us to have a beautiful heart. Read I Samuel 16:7: ". . .for the Lord seeth NOT as man seeth; for man looketh on the OUTWARD APPEARANCE, but the Lord looketh on the HEART." In light of this verse, WHOSE judgment do we value more? When that great judgment day comes, will we be judged on our physical beauty? We all know we won't. We will be judged on our spiritual beauty, on how we've lived for Christ.

There are some people who are beautiful on the outside, yet inside they are ugly. If you are around these individuals for any length of time, you will soon find that they are not as beautiful as you thought, because their personality disfigures them. On the other hand, people who may not be as beautiful outwardly, but have CHRIST WITHIN, become more and more beautiful.

WHICH KIND OF BEAUTY IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU??

"PSEUDO beauty is for sale everywhere; GENUINE beauty cannot be bought at any counter. Much of the craze for beauty focuses upon the folly of sham -- to pretend to be what one is not, to impress people."

"Your thoughts, ideas, ideals, and attitudes definitely affect your face, your beauty."

"A heart full of sadness, of evil, of hate, disgust, and grudges reflects itself on our faces."

"A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance."

"Let's remember that kind, gentle, pure, loving, happy and thankful thoughts, springing from a heart of love, create true beauty of face."

"A thankful heart improves one's complexion."

"You can become beautiful as you ask the Lord to remove your fears, your tensions, your grudges, your bitterness, your discontent and your sins. He'll replace these undesirable traits

and emotions with His love, His kindness, His forgiveness, His joy, and His peace."

"God knew from the beginning of time that the hidden beauty of the heart produces a beautiful face. He's ready to give you TRUE BEAUTY . . . IF you want it."

Sister Julie Litfin

BOLDNESS TO SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD

"Now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." Acts 4:29. The early Church was just beginning under such able leaders as Peter, John, Stephen and others. Peter and John were drawing many, to hear about and believe in Christ. As a result they were thrown in prison and afterwards released with the warning, that they should not speak anymore in the name of Christ.

So the followers of Christ were afraid and the Church died? Oh, no! They even prayed for more power, "that with all boldness they may speak thy word." The original word translated "speak" is used many times in the New Testament and is translated: "speak", "say", "talk", "tell" and "preach." The original word translated "boldness" we find eight times in Acts and it is also translated "confidence" at least six times in the New Testament.

I believe we all understand the thought of the text, so may we meditate upon what it takes to carry it out in our lives: 1. Boldness and access with confidence by faith in Christ. "According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him." Eph. 3:11-12. 2. More faith and doing well with whatever opportunity we have, for Christ and His Church. "For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus." I Tim. 3:13. 3. Love in our hearts, put to use in our everyday lives. "Here is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world." I John 4:17. 4. Stability, steadfastness, unchangeable faith in the word of God. "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Heb. 3:6. 5. Honesty, a clear conscience before God. "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God." I John 3:21.

Here we find some of the characteristics of the members of the early Christian Church. As we go farther and see how they put these to use in their everyday life, I think that we have the key to the success of the Apostolic church.

Paul witnessed for Christ and Barnabas witnessed for Paul among those who did not have faith in him. "But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus." Acts 9:27.

Paul and Barnabas reproved the Jews for not accepting Christ. "Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles." Acts 13:46.

The apostles witness at Iconium. "Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands." Acts 14:3. Paul witnessed at Ephesus. "He went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God." Acts 19:8.

Paul witnessed before Festus. "For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner." Acts 26:26. Paul witnessed at Rome. "Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no man forbidding him." Acts 28:30-31.

With all his trials and persecutions, Paul was not discouraged but even asked the brethren that they would pray for him to have more boldness and utterance. He gives us good advice in Eph. 6:17-19. "Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication for all the saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth, boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel."

Are we taking the advice of the Apostle or are we afraid of what men and women may think and say about us or do to us? "So that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Heb. 13:6.

Brother Howard J. Surbey
Littlestown, Pennsylvania

THE POISE OF JESUS

"And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the Kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question." Mark 12:34.

When we come to Jesus we find ourselves in the presence of a man without a flaw.

He was enthusiastic but never became fanatical.

He was emotional but never became hysterical.

He was imaginative but He was never flighty.

He was practical, matter of fact, but never prosaic, never dull.

He was courageous, but never reckless.

He was prudent but never a coward.

Unique, but not eccentric.

Religious, but not superstitious.

Sympathetic, but never sentimental.

Great streams of sympathy flowed from His tender heart toward those who needed sympathy, but at the same time streams of lava flowed from the same heart to scorch and overwhelm the workers of iniquity.

He stands in history as one man beautiful, symmetrical, absolutely perfect. This also is noteworthy, that not one of the enemies of Jesus was able by unfairness of falsehood or hatred to push Jesus into a hasty word or an unrighteous mood.

Selected by Brother Don Hostettler

THE BETTER LIFE TO COME

When we were young in this life we looked forward to a better time to come in this world. Many times things did not go as well as we thought they would. Though we labored we met with disappointments. Many who lived in the time of the Great Depression, a half a century ago, met with financial failure. Those who put forth a great effort usually are victorious and successful in life. Work with a will in the strength of youth and always stand for the kingdom of truth.

Becoming older in this life means we are coming to the time we must change from time to eternity. Do we realize how important it is to be prepared for the better life to come? As we meet with hardships, trials and temptations, we can have the hope of the better life to come. We can think of many in the past who went through hardships and trials. Some, we believe, were prepared for the better life beyond this world of tears.

If we would have nothing better than this world to look forward to, we would be of men most miserable. Our Lord and Savior, when on earth, looked forward to the time He could live with the Father in Heaven. He brought relief to the perishing, so we can have the most abundant life.

Many men of God looked forward to the better life to come. The Apostle Paul while going through many hardships in his pathway said, "I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." He was much concerned about the crown of righteousness laid up for those that live Godly in Christ Jesus. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.

We should not be like the foolish virgins who were unprepared to go in to the wedding. God's Word tells us many will meet with disappointment because they have not cleansed themselves from the works of iniquity. This life will only last for a season. We cannot continue here, sooner or later we will be called upon to change from time to eternity. It is an important matter to be ready for the greater life to come.

There is a greater and better life to come beyond this vale of tears if we are prepared for it. Eye has not seen, ear has not heard the things God has prepared for those of His own. John, the Revelator, gives us a description of those prepared for the greater life to come. An eternal place for eternal life. We cannot continue here.

Great, faithful men of God were determined they should continue onward and never lay their armour down. When we think of the great reward prepared for the faithful in Christ Jesus, it should encourage us to press onward in the narrow way to the City, Four Square, described by John the Revelator, walls of jasper and streets paved with pure gold. Its beauties cannot be fully realized in these robes of clay. There will be no tears, farewells, floods, storms or dark clouds and no sickness, as this mortal shall put on immortality. There will be no night there. The Savior who brought light to a dark and sinful world will be the eternal light, eternal joy, peace and happiness.

Brother J. F. Marks
Rt. 9, Box 860
Plant City, Fla. 33566

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

THE FIG TREE

MATT. 21:18-22; LUKE 11:12-14; 20-24

When I was a boy I liked figs - black figs, white figs, brown figs, fresh figs and dried figs. A fig tree is a wonder when it comes to producing fruit. Some fig trees have three crops in one year but the first fruit is usually and largest and the best. When I visited my grandparents, who had several large fig trees, I would climb the trees and eat as many figs as I could hold and that wasn't just a few!

Jesus liked figs too. One time when he was returning from

Bethany He was hungry. As He walked along with His disciples He saw a fig tree a ways off from the side of the road. When He came to the fig tree there was no fruit on it. The Bible says, "For the time of figs was not yet." Some varieties of figs have figs before the leaves appear but this tree may have been a variety that bore figs after the leaves appeared -- or it could have been between the first and second crops -- or it could have been a barren tree.

The Calimyrna fig has to be pollinated by a male capra fig. The way this is done is very unique-- only God could design it. The male fig is very small and evidently a certain kind of moth lays her eggs in the blossom end of the male fig. When the little moths hatch out the capra fig is in bloom and the bloom in on the inside. It blooms the same time as the female and the moths from the capra fig carry the pollen to the calimyrna fig which is pollinated and produces a large flat white fig which is very delicious to eat. In commercial orchards the capra figs are picked and placed in small baskets on the female tree so that all the figs get pollinated. If there are no capra figs, the calimyrna tree will be barren and the figs will not develop but dry up and drop to the ground.

I don't know what kind of fig tree Jesus came to but it didn't have fruit on it and Jesus was hungry. Jesus was the Creator who made the fig tree and it does seem too bad that it couldn't have had figs for the Master to eat. Do you know what Jesus did? He said to the fig tree, "Let no fruit grow on thee henceforth forever."

I suppose Jesus and His disciples were going from Bethany to Jerusalem but when they returned in the morning they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. Peter remembering what Jesus said, replied, "Master, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away."

Jesus answering said, "Have faith in God for verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

These are the words of Jesus and they mean that God is not limited in His power. He can do anything! We must always be careful that we are sure it is God's will before we ask anything of Him. Jesus taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer. It says, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." When we are led by the Holy Spirit and we ask God to do those things that are right in His sight, then there is nothing impossible. Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The fig tree withered away because Jesus cursed it. Nothing is impossible with God.

Brother Rudy Cover

THE OVERFLOWING VIAL

Our prayers hold a very important place before God. We are free to approach His throne of grace at any time, in fact, are urged to do so. This is vital to our spiritual lives, for prayer is our link to God. It keeps the communication lines open, strengthens us and gives us a way to intercede for others. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16. We have every reason to pray and no reason not to.

Our lives are often filled to overflowing with daily activities such as our work, shopping, recreation and family needs. We are busy with this and busy with that, and prayer is often shoved off in a corner somewhere. David said, "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice." Psa. 55:17. David surely was a busy man, especially after he became king, but he set aside time to pray. There was faith in his heart and the assurance that God would hear and help. God is never too busy to listen and we shouldn't be too busy to pray.

"The four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the lamb, having . . . golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints." (from Rev. 5:8). "And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand." Rev. 8:4. These vials are full of prayers, to be offered before God. Do you have any prayers in them?

If your prayers were oil, would your vial overflow? Sometimes it would be half empty, like a half-hearted prayer life. Yet you need to be wholehearted, for with all the needs there are — yours and those of others — you could pray twenty-four hours a day and it still wouldn't be enough. Perhaps that is why I Thess. 5:17 says "pray without ceasing", and Col. 4:2 says, "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." Of Epaphras, Paul said he was "always laboring fervently for you in prayer." He prayed often, not just once in awhile and his vial overflowed. He put his whole heart into it, and so should we.

"Oh, but I don't know how to really pray," you say, "so how can I have an outstanding prayer life?" God never asks us to do things without providing a way so we can do it. He has taken care of our prayer problem also. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Rom. 8:26. Even if you can't express yourself very well or don't understand the need entirely, pray from your heart and trust God to take care of it.

Another matter important to an overflowing prayer life is a quiet

place, or at least one where you can be quiet in your heart. "And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone." Matt. 14:23. Jesus sent the people away, thus freeing Himself from the demands of others, and then sought out a quiet place to pray. It is hard to concentrate on praying if we are constantly being disturbed, or if our minds are awl with the "busyness" of life. We must get away from those things for a time of quietness.

"But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not." Luke 22:32. Jesus interceded for others while on earth, and even now is interceding for us, those who believe in Him. He wants us now to intercede for each other and prayer is the way we approach the throne of grace both for ourselves and others. James 5:16 says, "Pray one for another." This is the key to an overflowing vial of prayer, praying for others. Our personal needs should be brought to the Lord also, but our prayers should not overflow with requests just for ourselves.

I Peter 3:7 contains these words, "that your prayers be not hindered." Our relationships with others can hinder our prayers and keep us from having an overflowing prayer life. Unforgiven sin and a haughty spirit get in the way also. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we specifically ask to be forgiven in the same measure as we forgive. We need to forgive, if we have "ought against any", (Mark 11:24), or we'll not be forgiven and our prayers will not be heard. There are many hindrances to having an overflowing prayer vial and most of them are within us.

Do you want to have an overflowing prayer life, one that really counts? Then give prayer your best time, not your leftover time. God wants to give His best to you and those you pray for, and prayer is the key to release His blessings to us and get us ready to receive them. Prayer does change things — especially you.

Sister Eileen Broadwater

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"EMOTIONS"

We are all emotional beings. This is the way God made us. These emotions are meant to be Christ centered and joyful. God did not create you to be miserable, frustrated and dissatisfied with yourself and with life. He created you to have a healthy self respect, to have confidence in your emotions and abilities. He created you to have a holy boldness and to have a calm and well balanced mind. In other words, He designed you to be a person you would enjoy being and a person others would enjoy being around.

Young people, feelings are real! And strangely enough, they are

designed by the Creator to be felt. We read of Christ's feelings in the Bible. He experienced joy, fear, anger (holy contempt), pity, peace, and deep sorrow. He was so much the Model of how to handle feelings that the Bible says anyone not identified with Him will lose his sensitivity to real feelings. (Eph. 4:17-19)

It is important and good to be sensitive to feelings. It is ALL RIGHT to feel happiness, peace, joy, and compassion. These are what I call the mountain top feelings. But I would also like to communicate to you what it is also ALL RIGHT that you at times feel lonely, sorrowful, possibly even fearful and other undesirable emotions. The important thing here is how you handle these "rock bottom" feelings. You must not be handled BY your feelings . . . to be pushed into a decision or action by feelings. Emotions are powerful and can push hard and decisions made only on an emotional level are often somewhat unsound.

As we handle our feelings instead of letting them handle us, we will learn to enjoy and use the positive ones and deal with the negative ones in an appropriate way. There is a time to laugh freely because you have a giant of a God dwelling in you as a Christian. Then there is a time to close your eyes and just relish the feelings of peace that the Holy Spirit can give you.

When you experience negative feelings, this is a signal of a problem that needs attention . . . possibly needs quick correction. Anger, jealousy, loneliness, depression, guilt, fear, and envy are signs that something is wrong. These feelings tell you to go back and straighten out that act or thought and adjust yourself correctly to that experience. They can actually be useful in your life if you handle them correctly under the power of God. They can be destructive if you let them control you. Negative experiences must be used to motivate you toward correcting the problems. When you are sad, do something about it. When you feel guilty, admit and confess your guilt.

There are also what I call false feelings. An example is God telling us not to have sexual relations before marriage, but since you feel good about it, you do it anyway. This is a false feeling! It is listening to the cadence of Satan's drum. The feeling says, "I'll make it a habit to gratify myself." God says, "Flee from sexual immorality."

Handling your feelings by keeping them all bottled up inside you will make you sick . . . or maybe even dead! You see, feelings were designed to be expressed. If you don't express them and share them in a positive way, they will sneak out to be expressed in other unhealthy ways. They might come out in shaking hands, twitching, a lump in your throat, nausea, ulcers or other emotional hangups.

As you begin to see yourself the way God sees you, you are on the road to becoming the person you'll enjoy being and others will

enjoy being around. Loving God with all of your heart, soul and mind gives you the foundation you need for the real or new you to begin growing and maturing. It is like standing on the Solid Rock. You are stable and secure.

To be continued
Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

CONFERENCE MUSINGS

God has permitted the plans for our 1982 Conference to be carried out. Many have enjoyed the spiritual uplift of another General Conference.

Members and friends arrived from all directions even from as far away as California and Oregon. They came by planes, motor homes, trailer homes, chartered bus and private cars. It was so good to meet friends and be part of God's family again.

Friday evening a number gathered in the tabernacle for a time of singing God's praises. The songs gave us a vision of what Heaven will mean when God calls us home. A few of the titles will give you an idea of how well the singing gave us this feeling, "This is Like Heaven to Me", "Constantly Abiding", "Master the Tempest is Raging", "Ready and Redeemed".

Saturday morning Brother Howard Survey led the morning devotions using Psalm 100 as the basis of his remarks.

The theme of the sermons throughout the Conference was a call to a closer walk with God and the dangers of slipping from our contact with Him.

Saturday evening there were 655 present for supper and Sunday's noon record was a few over 800. There was an extra large number of young people present for which we thank God. They will be God's future Church and we pray that they will keep it pure until He comes again.

The owners of the Camp gave us a warm welcome and we were well taken care of. God gave us beautiful weather for the Conference with the exception of hard thunder storm Tuesday evening. That spoiled a nature hike for the young people and made getting to the dining hall a little damp. All-in-all, 1982 Conference will be remembered with pleasant memories by many. I think everyone went home with a stronger determination to make their lives tell for Jesus.

Sister Ruth Drake

"DIVINE PRESENCE"

"And Jacob awake out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, And this is the gate of Heaven." Gen. 28:16-17. Jacob realized the presence of God when he was threatened with death by his brother Esau. Jacob left his father's home and journeyed to some of his relatives. He was very worried at this time because of his sins, fearing he had lost the blessings of the Lord. He was sure Satan was also there to lend a hand. On this journey he camped over night at a place along the way. He had no pillow so he gathered up some stones and used them for his pillow.

During the night he had a dream, "And behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: And behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it." Jehovah stood above it. He told Jacob that He would give him the land where he slept and that in his seed also should all the families of the earth be blessed. He promised Jacob to stay by him. He must have been thrilled with the Divine Presence. I am sure Jacob never again lost sight of his blessed Lord.

If we will just put our trust completely in His hands we will be happy when life is new again. There will be a crimson robe for bravery for one suffering pain but those who trust in God will have a home in Heaven and enjoy the pleasures of His Divine Presence throughout Eternity. I pray none of us are ashamed of Jesus, Who suffered on the cross, but want to follow onward, until we hear Him say, "Well done, my faithful servant."

Sister E. M. Alltus

NEWS ITEMS

CLEARVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Lord Willing, we plan to have Brother Jack Snyder at Wards Church, August 28 and 29. There will be preaching Saturday evening, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday morning. A carry-in dinner and singing will be held Sunday afternoon. We invite all to come and enjoy this time with us.

Brother Daniel G. Vance

PLEASANT RIDGE, OHIO

The Pleasant Ridge Congregation, the Lord Willing, plans to hold their Harvest Meeting, August 29. Bro. Paul Stump will be our speaker.

Come enjoy these services with us.

Sister Ruth Kleinhenn, Cor.

WAYNESBORO, PENNSYLVANIA

The Lord willing, the Waynesboro Congregation will hold a one week revival from September 5 through September 12. Bro. Edward Johnson of Wauseon, Ohio will be our evangelist. Services 7:30 each evening. Come and enjoy these services with us and may God's blessings be upon them.

Sister Wilma Eberly, Cor.

ENGLEWOOD, OHIO

The Lord willing, the Englewood Dunkard Brethren Church plans to hold a Revival Meeting September 5 through 19 with Bro. Dennis St. John as evangelist.

Services start on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and evening 7:30 p.m. Week day services to start at 7:45 p.m. Our Harvest Meeting will be September 19 at 2 p.m., with Elder Dean St. John as speaker.

We extend a hearty invitation to all who can come and enjoy these meetings with us. If you cannot be with us, pray that through these meetings, each might be built up stronger and our light shine brighter -- for our time here is short.

Sister Shirley Frick, Cor.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who remembered me through prayer, get-well cards, flowers and visits, while I was in the hospital and also while recuperating at home from my surgery.

Thanking you again and may God bless you all.

In Christian Love,
Sister Martha Shaffer

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1982

DESIRES

Memory Verse: Deut. 5:21

Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbor's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbor's.

Wed. 1 - Gen. 3:1-24

Thur. 2 - Gen. 4:1-26

Fri. 3 - Ex. 10:1-29

Sat. 4 - Ex. 34:1-17

Memory Verse: Deut. 7:25

The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God.

Sun. 5 - Ex. 34:18-35

Mon. 6 - Deut. 5:1-15

Tues. 7 - Deut. 5:16-33

Wed. 8 - Deut. 7:1-26

Thur. 9 - Deut. 14:21-29

Fri. 10 - Deut. 18:1-22

Sat. 11 - Jud. 8:22-35

Memory Verse: I Sam. 12:13

Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the Lord hath set a king over you.

Sun. 12 - I Sam. 2:1-21

Mon. 13 - I Sam. 2:22-36

Tues. 14 - I Sam. 9:1-27

Wed. 15 - I Sam. 12:1-25

Thur. 16 - 2 Sam. 23:1-7

Fri. 17 - I Kings 5:1-18

Sat. 18 - I Kings 9:1-28

Memory Verse: 2 Chron. 15:15

And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the Lord gave them rest round about.

Sun. 19 - I Kings 10:1-29

Mon. 20 - I Kings 11:26-43

Tues. 21 - 2 Kings 4:1-17

Wed. 22 - 2 Kings 4:18-37

Thur. 23 - 2 Chron. 8:1-18

Fri. 24 - 2 Chron. 15:1-19

Sat. 25 - 2 Chron. 21:1-20

Memory Verse: Neh. 1:11

O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

Sun. 26 - Neh. 1:1-11

Mon. 27 - Job 7:1-21

Tues. 28 - Job 13:1-28

Wed. 29 - Job 14:1-22

Thur. 30 - Job 20:1-29

Memory Verses: Job 13:3

Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

Job. 14:15

Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

SEPTEMBER 1, 1982

NO. 17

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

LITTLE BUILDERS

We are little builders, Rearing block by block;
And our sure foundation, Is the solid rock.
Not for wealth we're building, Nor for praise of man;
But for our Redeemer, Doing all we can.

We are little builders, Doing God's command;
Not like unbelievers, Building on the sand.
We're a fortress raising, 'Gainst the pow'rs of wrong,
Faith and hope in Jesus, They shall make us strong.

We are little builders, Building for the skies;
And our joy increases, Ever as we rise;
Come and join our number! Do not idle stand!
Come and speed our building For the heav'nly land.

- E. R. Latta

UNSTABLE WALLS

We often think of the wise man and the foolish man in their building projects. We recognize from Jesus' parable that it is important to lay a good foundation before building a house. The foolish man realized too late that he needed a solid foundation. Without a foundation the house can not stand in times of tempest. Neither can our Spiritual lives stand without being built upon the Rock. Jesus is that Rock. He is the chief cornerstone that gives the building its true dimensions.

Once the true foundation is laid, it is necessary to erect walls to give privacy and protection. It is necessary that these walls be strong or they will not offer any separation from the elements.

In Ezekial 13, he tells of walls that were unstable because they were covered with untempered mortar. The walls of their homes were not made like ours. They were made of mud. Dirt, water and straw were mixed together, then molded in a form. Before becoming fully dry they were laid up layer by layer. These walls would soon crumble under the effects of sun, rain and wind and all their work would be for naught. Therefore to protect that wall they would cover it with a thick coat of mortar. This mortar when dry would protect the wall from the elements. The best mortar was made of one part sand, two parts ashes and three parts lime. Then, as today, some were unwilling to make the effort to have a good covering. Some either through slouth or deceit would put a coat of whitewash on the wall. At first it looked like the real thing but when the storms came it would prove to be unequal to its task. Ezekial called this whitewash untempered mortar.

THE BIBLE MONITOR

SEPTEMBER 1, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

He likened this untempered mortar to the false prophets who were currently misleading the people. These prophets were forecasting good things for the Jews when God's prophecies were the opposite. This corresponds to the popular view of many professing Christians. To them Christianity is a continual picnic. There are blessings and joys to be reaped but no effort is required. Many are willing to receive the rewards but few are willing to pay the price. For them there are no sacrifices; there is nothing to give up. They still enjoy the same activities as before their conversion. They realize there is a needed foundation but they neglect the walls. They do not realize the need for more than whitewash.

A house is more than a foundation. We would not be very comfortable living on the bare foundation. We would have neither privacy nor protection. The walls must be erected and protected.

Paul spoke of himself as a wise masterbuilder. There is a need for discernment in building walls that are worthy of the foundation. The building materials must be durable. Wood, hay and stubble may be used, but they are not durable so the labor expended will be lost in the storm. The fable of Three Little Pigs illustrates this point. The first two pigs built with twigs and straw. When the wolf came they paid dearly. Only the third pig who built with bricks was able to withstand the wolf's blasts. If we build with gold, silver and precious stones our building will endure the fiery blasts. These elements are not destroyed by the fire they are only purified.

Our Spiritual lives need to be built of precious things not of the world's common materials. Lives built only on pleasure and sensuality will be severely tested. Lives built of the precious building materials of God will withstand the storms.

Jesus has gone ahead to prepare our mansion in Heaven. While here we are continually sending ahead material for that building. While the smallest, meanest mansion in Heaven will be greater than the best of this world, we still wish to secure the best possible. So our present efforts are important not only for protection against the storms of this life but also for the rewards of Heaven.

Our building is important not only for ourselves but as a witness to others. Others are continually watching what we are doing. As they see us build they will either be encouraged or discouraged from building aright.

There is a story about a rich man who was preparing to go on a far journey. He called a builder, who had done much building for him over the years, to build in his absence a new home. He was to build it the best he could. While the rich man was gone, the builder yielded to the temptation of skimping here and there. He skimped where it would not be obvious. When the rich man returned, he

gave that house to the builder. That builder could have had the best, but he always had to live with his skimped effort.

How are you building? Have you laid the true foundation? Are you building a stable wall upon it?

THE PROBLEM OF PRAYERLESSNESS

Last week I was looking through a book, "Prayer — Life's Limitless Reach," and something caught my eye. It read like this: "Prayerlessness could be defined as THAT STATE IN WHICH ONE PRAYS LESS THAN HE OUGHT, LESS THAN THE FATHER DESIRES, AND LESS THAN THAT ONE HIMSELF KNOWS HE SHOULD."

OUCH.... I'M GUILTY!!

Oh, sure, I pray each morning and each night, and at times during the day, but — really — do I pray as much as I OUGHT to, as much as God WANTS me to, and as much as I KNOW I should? I don't think so.

I'm going to look into God's Word and see just what He has to say about it. (This is off the subject of prayer, but isn't it GREAT that God gave us His Word? Contained in it are ALL the answers to any questions we might have!) Now, let's go to the Bible.

Now here's a verse with just three words, but it says so much: "PRAY WITHOUT CEASING." I Tim. 5:17. "But, how can I pray without ceasing? I've got things to do around home: cook, clean, wash, and so forth and these take my thoughts." Or, "I have to keep my mind on my job." These are comments you might make. I believe that we can be in a PRAYERFUL STATE OF MIND, even when we're busy with our work. As an example, I would like to share a prayer I found. It's called "Prayers of Women," but it could be changed a bit to apply to a man, too.

PRAYERS OF WOMEN

(translated from the African dialect)

"At the hour that I open the door of my house, I pray, my Lord, open the door of my heart that I might (be able) to meet with you!

"At the time I wash my clothes, I pray, my Lord, cleanse my heart and cause it to be good and righteous that I might become pure white in your eyes.

"At the time I sweep and clean around my house, I pray, my Lord, remove the trash and dirt that is inside my heart. Remove unclean thoughts that I may be thoroughly clean and pure in your sight.

"When I go to buy oil, I pray, my Lord, give me wisdom, your wisdom, as the young virgins had as they had oil in their lamps. May I know and be ready at all times for your work.

"When I receive a letter or when I send a letter to others, I pray, my Lord, enlarge my faith that I may fellowship with you, whom I do not see with my eyes, but whom I can know in my heart.

"At the time I go to get water, I pray, my Lord, give me the water of life that I may never, never be again with thirst.

"When I light the lamp, I pray, my Lord, let your true light shine in my heart. Help me that all of my affairs be with love, gentleness and kindness, that my life may light that life of others in leading them to Jesus Christ.

"When it is necessary to sprinkle water to the things I have planted, I pray, my Lord, let the good rain of your Spirit fall on my heart.

"When I boil the water to cook our food, I pray, my Lord, light your fire in my heart of coldness. Give me a strong yearning and desire in my heart to do your needy work with great joy. Amen."

Here are more verses that tell us to pray continually. Ephesians 6:18, "Praying ALWAYS with all prayer and supplication...", Romans 12:12, "... continuing INSTANT in prayer", Acts 6:4, "... give ourselves CONTINUALLY to prayer...". In Acts 12:5 we read that "prayer was made WITHOUT CEASING" for Peter.

Philippians 4:6 instructs us to "be careful for nothing, but in EVERYTHING by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto God." If we take EVERYTHING to God in prayer, I think we will be "praying without ceasing," don't you?

Jesus went up to a mountain and prayed ALL NIGHT! (Luke 6:12). How many of US could do that without falling asleep?

At the end of this article, I have made a "PRAYER LIST" based on some Scriptures which I looked up. There are many, many more verses in the Bible pertaining to prayer, which I have not listed. If we would pray for ALL Jesus wants us to, we would surely be "giving ourselves continually to prayer." (Acts 6:4)

We have studied the first part of the definition of "Prayerlessness," and I've learned that I certainly pray LESS THAN I OUGHT. So, the third part of the definition, "less than that one himself knows he should" is answered.

Let's look at the second part of the definition, "less than the Father desires." In searching, I was not able to find many verses that just plainly said, "God commands you to pray," but we know that "ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God," (II Tim. 3:16) and He spoke through Paul and others to instruct us. I did find a verse that says it is a SIN NOT to pray. I Samuel 12:23 reads, "Moreover as for me, GOD FORBID that I should SIN AGAINST THE LORD in ceasing to pray for you..."

I found, also, that it makes GOD HAPPY when we pray. Proverbs 15:8, "... the prayer of the upright is His DELIGHT." I Timothy 2:3,

"For this is GOOD and ACCEPTABLE in the sight of God our Saviour." Read Revelation 5:8 and Revelation 8:3-4 to find out how VALUABLE your prayers ARE to God!!

PRAYER LIST

GOD WANTS US TO PRAY FOR:

Our ministers — (II Thess. 3:1)

The strengthening of brothers' and sisters' faith — (Luke 22:32; Col. 4:12)

Our rulers — (I Tim. 2:1, 2)

Our enemies — (Matt. 5:44; Ps. 109:4)

The sick — (James 5:13; Ps. 35:13)

Forgiveness — (Matt. 6:12; Acts 8:22)

Help in temptation — (Matt. 26:41; Luke 22:46)

Readiness for the Lord's return — (I Pet. 4:7)

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!

May we all strive to pray more.

Sister Julie Litfin

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

PRAY AND FORGIVE

Mark 11:25-26

Do you pray to God? But sometimes it seems God doesn't answer? Doesn't God always answer prayers? I know sometimes God answers my prayers by saying, "No." I have found that sometimes it was better to wait. Then when the prayer was answered I was much better off for having waited. God knows best. If we trust Him completely, He will do what is best and when it is best for us.

Jesus says, "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you our trespasses." "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Do you pray to God and hold a grudge against anyone? Maybe someone has hurt your feelings — maybe they have made fun of you — maybe they hit you or hurt you physically. Maybe at school someone stole your girlfriend or cheated in playing games or took your lunch. There are many things in life that others do that make us feel bad and it is very easy to feel insulted and unforgiving—but — how about you? Have you ever done anything wrong toward others?

Jesus wants us to have a forgiving spirit. He says, "If ye love not your brother whom ye have seen, how can ye love God whom ye

have not seen?" We can't expect God to forgive us for sins committed against God if we don't forgive others who have sinned against us?

Another thing Jesus tells us to do is to "Love our enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you" — now listen to the rest of it! "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven."

I think we all want to be children of God — that we might receive the blessing of God — that we might have our prayers answered! But how can we love our enemies? This almost seems too much, doesn't it? Of course this is not possible if we only live for this life. We have to have a change of heart — we have to be converted — repent of our sins and be baptized. Then the Holy Spirit will come into our lives and we will become a different person — a new creature in Christ Jesus. Then we can forgive like Jesus.

When Jesus was being nailed to the cross He said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." God has done so much for us. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish but have everlasting life."

God wants to save your soul. He has paid the highest price that Heaven could give — You are bought with a price — the precious blood of Jesus — you are not your own.

We owe everything to God. When we pray we must forgive others, if we want God to forgive us. Praying and forgiving go together.

Brother Rudy Cover

THE DANGER OF HALF TRUTHS

In John 4:24 we read the words of Jesus, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth."

There are very few, if any, movements within Christianity which do not have some truth within their framework. It would seem that the closer a movement comes to the truth without embracing ALL of the truth, the more dangerous it is to the Body of Christ. Much of the New Testament is a warning against those who mix truth and error.

Some of the cults, which we feel we can claim no fellowship with, have truth in some areas. Although some disagree with us, we feel that the Jehovah Witnesses hold to a true peace position. We also agree with their stand on no involvement in secular politics. In this sense we could "learn" from a Jehovah Witness. Catholicism teaches the Trinity, the deity of Christ, and other truths of

scripture. It is becoming very popular in our day to include this movement with Biblical Christianity. Some claim that this movement "no longer believes like it once did." It is true that some Catholics have become "liberals" and deny the deity of Jesus Christ and other biblical truths who also challenge traditional Catholic teachings. There are others who seem to be "speaking out of both sides of their mouth." It is our humble opinion that this movement no longer desires to persecute the true faith but is much more dangerous as a wolf in sheep's clothing!

There are those who would judge the authenticity of a movement by the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23. It was very interesting to us when an individual recently pointed out that it is FRUIT (singular) not FRUITS (plural). We believe this is a valid checkpoint. However, the one aspect of the fruit that is often glossed over is FAITH. We believe this is the same faith which Jude speaks of "which was once delivered unto the saints."

There are three areas of "half truths" (in our opinion) which have seemed to have an impact on the "Brethren." These areas are "positive thinking", the charismatic movement and fundamentalism (so called). We would like to take a look at these three areas of theology. First of all let us look at "positive thinking". This teaches that there are to be NO negatives in the Christian faith. While we will not take the time or space to go into specifics, the New Testament is filled with warnings to Christians, both by Jesus Christ and the Apostles, to beware of... **THESE ARE ALL NEGATIVES!** The fact that you can not teach a negative without a positive answer to it is truth. It is also true, we believe, that it is better to accent the positive rather than the negative. But to deny the reality of the negative is to fall into the error of the half truth.

In the charismatic movement the emphasis (for the most part) is on the Spirit. We do not wish to lump all of these individuals into one ball, so to speak. Some of them come, in our opinion, very close to the truth while others in this movement are "far out in left field." All that we have come into contact with put more emphasis on signs and wonders than on Scripture. Very few of them see things as modesty, separation from the world, and living a life of "holiness" as important. While the "Brethren" have, perhaps, neglected to give the Holy Spirit his place of honor to a large degree, it is a half truth to separate "spirit" from "truth". This is an area where we have to be careful that we do not become "half truth" teachers by putting more emphasis on "truth" than on "spirit!"

The last movement we wish to speak on, fundamentalism (so called), we feel a real brotherly affection for. We admire the way this movement has spoken out for the blood of Christ, the infalli-

bility of scripture, and against such things as abortion and the use of alcoholic beverages. This is not to say that there are no born again Christians in the other two movements mentioned. We feel only God can make the final judgment on this matter. It is also true that some within the other two movements could be called "fundamentalists" according to how you define the term. While we prefer to call ourselves "whole Bible believing Christians" we would not object to being called, "fundamentalist" as long as it is understood that it simply means we accept the Bible as the Word of God. It is in such areas as the teaching of eternal security and the rejection of nonresistance that we have to part ways with fundamentalism (so called) and label them a half truth movement. They also, along with the others, relegate much biblical teaching to merely "culture for a certain day."

We must be careful that we do not become as the Pharisee, who prayed, "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men." Instead we should humbly submit ourselves to Jesus Christ and be willing to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth. Let us take to heart II Corinthians 10:17-18. "But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth."

We would close with the caution when "plain dress" takes the place of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, baptism takes the place of the blood of Jesus Christ, or "holy living" takes the place of a born again experience, we are leaving ourselves open to "half truth" teaching. In Christian love we ask each one to search his heart and pray that we may do the same.

Brother James M. Hite
816 E. Birch St.
Palmyra, Pa. 17078

HEART ON THE RUN

A criminal almost always runs from justice. Only on rare occasions do you find one running into a police station, ready to admit his crime and pay the penalty to make things right. Far more often, a criminal will use every trick he knows to avoid being caught or even to escape after he's been caught. When brought before a judge, he will declare innocence, even in the face of much evidence against him. Such a person, though physically confined, is in his heart still on the run.

You've heard the saying, "a sinner can't find God for the same reason a thief can't find a policeman." The reason is because he's not looking for one and doesn't want one. He's much too busy running the other direction. Just as surely as a policeman has to find the thief, so must God seek out the sinner. A sinner will not, in

fact, cannot, turn to God until He takes some measures to "capture" the sinner.

Saul of Tarsus had to be literally stopped in his tracks before God could get his attention. Saul had thought he was doing God a favor by persecuting Christians, but he soon learned otherwise. According to the words in Acts 9:5-6, Saul was already bothered by his actions but until he came face to face with Jesus, he couldn't admit he was wrong. It took some firm measures by the Lord to capture Saul's attention and turn him around.

A repentant thief will be sorry that he stole, but an unrepentant thief is only sorry that he got caught. A sinner who repents is sorry for his sins and realizes that he needs God in order to live right. Another sinner may only be sorry when he's caught. In other words, he knows he is wrong but becomes angry when anyone brings up the subject, or else just ignores the truth and keeps on in sin. Any sinner who becomes aware of his error but doesn't want to make things right is no better off than the unrepentant thief. In his heart, he is still on the run from God.

The Bible tells us of many men such as David, Jacob and Elijah who were on the run from one situation or another, but there was one on the run from God. That man was Jonah. The Lord spoke to Jonah, he knew exactly which way he was to go and he took off — in the other direction! Nineveh was inland, but Jonah went to sea. Jonah tried to run from God, but God sent a storm and stopped him. Jonah was swallowed by a fish and it looked like the end, but God gave him another chance.

Jonah learned that it was far better to obey God and face the unbelievers in Nineveh than to flee and get into all kinds of trouble. If God hadn't sent the storm, Jonah would have kept on running. God still sends storms to stop His disobedient children, and if He didn't send a storm — a time of trouble — some of us would never learn to obey Him. Obedience can mean doing something, or doing nothing, whichever the Lord directs. We must learn to seek His will, to obey, to lean on God and stay close to Him, not run away.

Jonah was told to go to Nineveh and preach, but he hunted up a ship to hide in and took a nap. It was probably the shortest nap he ever had, followed by a rude awakening. His preaching there was limited to an embarrassing confession of his attempt to run from God, and you know the rest of the story. If you don't, read the book of Jonah. When Jonah was thrown overboard, the storm on the sea ended but Jonah's had just begun. Those three days and three nights in the fish's belly were an unforgettable experience.

God had literally captured Jonah to bring him to obedience. He asked for mercy, promised to obey, and soon found himself on dry

land. Jonah's rebellion had brought suffering, both to himself and others, but now he had a chance to do what he should have done in the first place. When we rebel, we also cause suffering, and the only way to straighten things out is to repent and obey God. Jonah's obedience resulted in the repentance of a whole city! Our obedience may not have a similar result, but we can be sure a blessing will follow.

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice." I Sam. 15:22. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17. Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." John 14:23. Obedience brings complete fellowship with Christ, but rebellion severs that relationship. If you know God wants you to do a certain thing and you refuse, your heart is on the run from God, and you will suffer for it.

When you are faced with a decision, seek God's will. Choose the way which will bring you closer to Him. Don't try to run from God, literally as Jonah did, nor in your heart. You needn't be afraid of getting close to God for He loves you and has your best interest at heart. His commandments are not unreasonable and you can trust God with your entire self. It never pays to run.

Sister Eileen Broadwater

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"OUR EMOTIONS" #2

God uses our emotional weaknesses to develop character strengths. If we concentrate on developing a dependence on Him rather than self reliance, we will lead a happy and productive life.

Boys are often taught that it is unmanly to cry. As a result we see more men with ulcers than women! We many times think that showing our inner feelings makes us weak or vulnerable. This makes us very much like machines and allows us to fit in today's system of no normal affection.

Young people, you are an emotional being. You, at times, will experience emotional tensions. These do not make you less spiritual. To act as if feelings do not exist is to act hypocritically. It can also bring about all kinds of physical and mental disorders. Many diseases in our society today are psychosomatic, caused by unexpressed emotions.

Of course there is a balance of communication of emotions. Someone who cannot control his temper or someone who moans and complains because of sorrows and ailments isn't handling the situation well. The balance I call, the "controlled expression of feeling."

How do we find that balance? By examining, then acting. We have to be in touch with our feelings. Most people learn to disguise them as they grow older. And to really recognize them may take some practice. As a follower of Christ, we need to examine our feelings in light of what God says in His Word. If the feelings reflect positive behavior according to God's Word, then they are there to reinforce your behavior. If your behavior is negative according to God's Word, the resulting feelings point out problems.

In this and following articles we will discuss some of the more common emotions and how they have an effect on our lives today.

The first one is LOVE. God knows how to reach the ultimate in relationships and He tells us in the Bible how it is done... the do's and don'ts of real love.

Love involves a choice between treating someone in accordance with God's commands or doing it whatever way feels good! LOVE IS ACTION AND ATTITUDE. It is doing and being. Love is a pattern of living in "obedience to God's commands." (II John 6) Love is not JUST feeling. The divine description of love in I Corin. 13 points out the actions and attitudes that characterize love. It is beautiful, consecrated. It says nothing about sweaty palms or heart throbbings. Why? Because love is not just a feeling!

God's idea of stepping into a love relationship is not to become more attractive, to make ourselves loveable. Millions of dollars worth of advertising tells us this. The path to a love relationship isn't in wearing the right perfume, by driving the right car or by buying the right clothes. The whole commercial system of our society's economy seems often to be one big campaign for false love. But God, the Expert on love, says, be loving, that "All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." John 13:35.

Love is something that can be expressed in its highest form as a Christian because it is from the heart and is not just a feeling. It is a pattern of deciding to treat a person the way Christ would treat him.

God didn't create you to be miserable, frustrated, and dissatisfied with yourself. He created you to have a healthy self respect, to have confidence in your abilities, to have a HOLY BOLDNESS, to have a calm and well balanced mind and to be LOVING toward others. In other words, He designed you to be the person you would want to be!

Remember, GOD IS LOVE.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

THE STRENGTH OF JESUS

"And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him." Mark 1:27.

John the Baptist gives us an impression of Jesus when he said there is coming one mightier than I. John had called men to repentance but when Jesus came to him he falters and draws back and says: "I cannot baptize you. I have need to be baptized by you."

Let us take another illustration: Jesus walks one day along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and sees two men fishing; he says, "Follow Me," and straightway they left their nets and followed Him. A little farther on He sees two other men, He says to them, "Follow Me," and they left all and followed Him. Such was the impression He made upon them. He goes into the synagogue and begins to teach, and they are amazed, not at what He says, but the manner in which He says it. He teaches them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

Jesus kindled a devotion that is superior to anything that has ever been known in the world. He kindled a fire which ran all over Palestine, and then around the edges of the Mediterranean, and then into the German forest, it then leaped over the English channel, and later on it leaped over the Atlantic Ocean, and now it has leaped over all the oceans and is still burning today. And all this conflagration was kindled by Jesus. These torches which are burning now have been carried down through the blasts of nearly twenty stormful centuries, and they have never gone out, because He lighted them. He called forth a kind of reverence that has never been granted to any other man who has ever lived. He was so mighty that when men thought of Him, they thought of God. The man who stood the nearest to Him saw Him in a vision after He was gone, and he says, "When I saw him I fell at his feet as one dead." Rev. 1:17.

We understand the strength of Jesus better than those who lived in other generations because we realize how far His hand of mercy and love has reached. We might compare His strength to a mountain, you cannot appreciate it when standing at its base. You must throw miles between your eye and it before you can catch the symmetry of its sides and feel the majesty of its colossal dimensions.

Selected by Brother Don Hostetler

IN HIS STEPS

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Prov. 23:7. We read also in Prov. 4:23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life." We know if we think evil we are just about to do some evil thing. We read in Matthew 15:19, "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." Let us be very careful because they can cause us to sin.

Many today let evil things dwell in their minds that get such a hold on them that they take their very life. My, how terrible this is, knowing they can never have a home with Christ. They never go to the dear Lord in prayer to ask Him to help them or go to a good Christian and ask for help. This is the result of not walking in the steps of the Lord. They never took time to go to Church or to associate with those who have been born again. This shows their hearts are not pure. If they were it would have been different. A life with Christ is a pure life.

Let us get busy, as the time is very short, and try to help those who we know need a helping hand and see if we can help them sow seeds for the Master.

Christ died for the sinner, He does not want any one lost. He was humble and always obedient to His Heavenly Father. When He went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray He said, "... not my will but thine be done." Christ is always ready and willing to help every one who desires to have a closer walk with Him.

I often think of the precious souls who have left the Body of Christ. They had been in the Church using the talents the Lord had given them but then went away and buried their talents. This to me seems very sad. I often wonder if they were weak and someone had a greater influence on them. I pray all who have wandered away will find the way back and start walking again in the steps of the Master.

IN HIS STEPS

"The road is too rough," I said.

"Dear Lord, there are stones that hurt me so."

And He said, "Dear child, I understand,
I walked it long ago."

"But there's a cool, green patch," I said,

"Let me walk there for a time."

"No child," He gently answered me,

"The green road does not climb."

"My burden," I said, "Is far too great;
How can I bear it so?"

"My child," He said, "I remember its weight,
I carried My cross, you know."

But I said, "I wish there were friends with me
Who would make my way their own."

"Oh yes," He said, "Gethsemane
Was hard to face alone."

And so I climbed the stony path,
Content at last to know
That where my Master had not gone,
I would not need to go.

And strangely then I found new friends;
The burden grew less sore
As I remembered.... long ago
He went that way before.

- Selected by Sister E. M. Alltus

NEWS ITEMS

McCLAVE, COLORADO

The Lord willing, the McClave Congregation will again enjoy a series of revival meetings.

Brother Gordon Jamison of Quinter, Kansas, will bring the messages, starting September 19, lasting through September 26.

The Lovefeast meeting will be September 25. There will be all day services both Saturday and Sunday. Services starting at eleven o'clock on Saturday morning.

We welcome all who can come enjoy these meetings with us.
Sister Aurelia Wertz, Cor.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank our Brethren and Sisters, friends and loved ones for making our anniversary occasion such a beautiful experience. The thoughtfulness and love expressed by each of you at this happy time, and down through life, is an indication of the kindness of the wonderful people we have been privileged to share life with in the Service of the Lord.

Sincerely,
Brother Paul and Sister Mary Hartz

DIRECTORY OF BOARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dale E. Jamison, Chairman
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Ray R. Reed, Secretary
Box 12, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Joseph E. Flora, Chairman
R. 3 Box 12, Adel, Iowa 50003

Hayes Reed, Secretary
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

William Carpenter, Treasurer
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Harley Rush
R. 1, Converse, Indiana 46919

Galen Litfin
1314 East 7th St.
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Dale Jamison
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Jacob C. Ness
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

Frank Shaffer
13062 Grant Shook Rd.
Greencastle, PA 17225

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Howard J. Surbey, Chairman
749 W. King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340

Jacob C. Ness, Secretary
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

H. Edward Johnson, Treasurer
5-1307-S.H. 108
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Dean St. John
1040 Hillsdale Road, R. 1
Camden, Michigan 49232

Warren C. Smith
McClave, Colorado 81057

BIBLE STUDY BOARD

William Carpenter, Chairman
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Eugene Kauffman, Secretary
R. 6, Box 51
Harrisburg, Virginia 22801

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

Rudolph Cover
2034 Roble Ave.
Modesto, CA 95351

Dennis St. John
Rt. 1
Bryan, Ohio 43506

RELIEF BOARD

Boyd Wyatt, Chairman
4925 Tegner Rd.
Hughson, CA 95326
209-883-4138

Newton Jamison, Secretary
512 Garfield
Quinter, Kansas 67752
913-754-3433

Kyle Reed, Treasurer
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
515-677-2467

Virgil Leatherman
419 N. Queen St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-5753

Robert Carpenter
R. 5, Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

TORREON NAVAJO MISSION

David Skiles, Superintendent
R. 2 Box 8
Cuba, New Mexico 87013

Hayes Reed, Chairman
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

Kyle Reed, Secretary
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167

Newton Jamison, Treasurer
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Harley Flory
R. 4, Defiance, Ohio 43512

All contributions to the various Boards should be made out to the Treasury, but sent to the Secretary for his records

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

SEPTEMBER 15, 1982

NO. 18

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

SHOW ME THY HANDS

LORD, when I am weary with toiling
And burdensome seem Thy commands,
If my load should lead to complaining,
LORD, show me Thy hands,
Thy nail pierced hands,
Thy cross torn hands;
My Saviour, show me Thy hands.

CHRIST, if ever my footsteps should falter
And I prepared for retreat,
If desert and thorn cause lamenting,
LORD, show me Thy feet,
Thy nail scarred feet;
My Jesus, show me Thy feet.

LORD, when I am sorely wounded
With the battle and toil of this day
And I complain of my suffering,
LORD, let me hear Thee say,
"Behold My side,
My spear pierced side,
My side that was wounded for thee."

My God, dare I show Thee
My hands and my feet?

Selected by Sister Ruthanna Sauerwein

HISTORY

As a subject in school, history is liked by some and despised by others. Yet there would be few who do not enjoy the telling of events of a former day. Long ago stories, old fashioned doings and antique items are of interest to most people. Today's styles are influenced by nostalgia.

The study of history is promoted as a way to learn of the good and the mistakes of long ago. If the present generation would learn these lessons they could avoid the harsh experiences of the past. Yet with all the advantages of hindsight that history provides, it seems men still seek to learn by experience. Just as children seem insistent on learning their lessons by experience, rather than through listening to their elders, so nations and tribes also learn by experience.

The children of Israel were instructed to tell their children of their experiences. They were given sacred ordinances to carry out as reminders of their past. Through the keeping of these commands their children's curiosity could be aroused. The Passover reminded them of their servitude in Egypt, their deliverance through the blood stained door posts and their journey out of Egypt. In many of their other activities there was a remembrance of events past.

There are many varieties of history. There is world and ancient history, American, state and local history, family history, church history and, especially of recent interest, history of the Brethren. Whatever variety one looks at, the hand of God is to be seen. History really is His Story.

THE BIBLE MONITOR

SEPTEMBER 15, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

History is usually taught as the story of men. Their activities, warfares, political philosophies and inventions are the stuff of history. The failure of modern history is the tendency to exalt the ideas and activities of men. We should never forget that history is really the story of God's dealing with men from Creation until the present. While we may not understand why He has ordered events as He has, yet we must understand that He has had His purposes in the events of history and the present.

In the Old Testament we read of God's choice of Israel as His people. We find His direction in their escape from Egypt. His laws challenged their obedience. We can see their long and often, murmur-filled journey to the Land flowing with milk and honey. We see their establishment in the land. We read of His blessings when they were obedient and His judgments when they forsook Him, especially in the Book of Judges. We are told of the glories they had in the days of David and Solomon. But then we see the division and decline, when they refused to follow Him. Finally, we see their captivity and bondage when He could no longer brook their disobedience and disloyalty.

In the history of our nation there are many evidences of God's blessing and leadership. The land itself has been fertile and productive of natural resources. The settlement of the land from the Atlantic to the Pacific has been attended by His help. The government has been established so Christians could worship Him according to their conscience. These are but a few of the blessings that He has provided for us. Our national history is again the story of His provision for us.

As we look back at our ancestors we can find within our family histories His hand operating for our benefit. As we view the lives and faith of our ancestry we see His protection and provision for them in their journeys to the New World. Their settlement in the new land was accomplished by His aid. Their establishment of the Faith in this land was ever nourished by His Spiritual blessings.

The history of the Church is in particular His Story. He established and launched her in this world and has continued to guide and protect her. He will in the future complete her earthly history by claiming her as His Bride.

The history of the New Testament is completely different from that of the Old Testament. Instead of a nation's history, we have the history of Jesus and His Gospel delivered to individuals. This is an individual history. It is the record of what each one does with the shed blood of Jesus. The choice of each is to accept or reject it. Our eternity is determined by the history of our life. We have the opportunity to make our lives a part of His Story.

You may or may not care for the study of history as a school

subject, but you can not ignore it, for it is His Story. What is your part in His Story?

COMMUNICATION GAP

"I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant." Confused after reading the preceding quotation? You should be! Poor communication causes confusion. Also many problems and disagreements arise from a communication gap — the inability to express one's true feelings or to comprehend another's feelings. Establishing good communication takes two people — someone to talk to and someone to listen. If no one listens, you might as well talk to yourself.

Listening involves a lot more than merely being quiet while someone else talks. If you really listen, you hear what is said and try to understand the other person's problem. A good listener will go one step farther and try to do something about the need. Doing something could be praying or giving a bit of guidance. Ecc. 3:7 says there is a time to keep silence, so sometimes you just need to listen. It might also mean you should do what you can to meet a financial need. Whatever is done must fit the situation, and unless you have listened and understood, you can't do what's best.

A man traveling late at night on a lonely stretch of road had some car trouble. It was something he could fix, but didn't have the proper tool. He had seen a farmhouse, so decided to go there for help. While walking, he began to think quite negatively. "That farmer probably won't want to help me because it's late. If he does, he will very likely be crabby. Maybe he doesn't have the wrench I need" and so on it went. He was having a mental battle with the farmer whom he hadn't seen yet and became more and more agitated as he walked along.

Soon the traveler knocked on the farmhouse door. When the farmer stuck his head out the upstairs window and asked what he wanted, the traveler blurted out, "You can just keep your wrench! I don't even want it if that's the way you feel!" You can imagine the bewilderment of the farmer as he had no idea what was going on. Whether they ever reached a better understanding, I don't know, but the traveler hadn't revealed his true need. His imagination had run wild and prevented any sensible communication.

The traveler hadn't given the farmer a chance to help, yet he was angry because he expected to be refused. You must first state your need before you can expect a favorable response. It may require that you be patient until your friend begins to understand.

You can't expect anyone to know how you feel just by looking at you; you must express yourself. This farmer was not a mind-reader and couldn't see the problem, yet he received a rude retort for supposedly not wanting to help.

Let's reverse the thoughts now and consider what might have happened if the traveler had politely expressed his need. The farmer, because of the lateness of the hour, didn't want to get up but he did. He might have said, "I'll be glad to help. Just give me time to get dressed." Following this, the traveler would have been thankful for help given and the farmer would have had a good feeling within because he had helped. A friendly exchange brings much better results than a "chip on the shoulder" approach which stirs up more anger.

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Col. 4:6. It would have taken a lot of grace, but the farmer could have saved a lot of distress if he had replied to the traveler with kindness. "Why don't you start from the beginning and tell me what's wrong? Then maybe I can help" would have been a good reply. Prov. 15:1 says "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." When someone is angry, whatever the reason, the way you answer can calm or increase the anger.

All of us at times have trouble getting a point across and are at a loss to communicate our true feelings. Whether it's in public or in private, yelling at someone will not help. Neither will whining and complaining, but a quiet, sincere sharing of our feelings will help others realize what our burdens are. If you have tried your best and yet no one seems interested, take the matter to the Lord and let Him handle it for you. Sometimes poor communication results because we didn't pray in the first place. When we lack God's guidance, it is so easy to say everything wrong.

Communication with people may be difficult, but you can always communicate with God. He will listen to your prayers, He cares and understands. Best of all, God wants to supply your need. You can open up your heart to Him without fear that He will belittle you or make you ashamed, no matter how trivial your needs. God is concerned about all your needs, so don't hesitate to pray.

Communication is the exchange of thoughts or ideas. It takes patience, wisdom, a willingness to share plus other things in order to have good communication. It is difficult to communicate when we are in distress, but a little extra effort will help eliminate any communication gaps, or lack of understanding. When someone comes to you, listen and really consider the matter. God does that for us, and we surely ought to do it for each other.

Sister Eileen Broadwater

THE BIBLE

THE BIBLE contains: the mind of God, the state of men, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners; and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are unchangeable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the travelers' map, the pilgrims' staff, the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ is its grand Subject, our good its design, and the Glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mind of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the Judgment, and will be remembered forever. It involves the greatest labor and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, and reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." II Tim. 3:16.

Author Unknown

Selected by Sister Janet Shaffer

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

THE SON OF GOD

Matt. 21:23-37; Mark 11:27-33

The Jews were looking for their Messiah (Christ) — the one whom the prophets told them would come and be their King. Of course, most of the people thought that He would come as other kings — to rule their nation and drive out and overcome all other kingdoms around them. They didn't consider that their Christ would be a King of Peace and He would establish a new kind of Kingdom whose people would love instead of hate, build instead of destroy, give instead of take, and most important of all, this new Kingdom would be called the Kingdom of Heaven, where when we die we could go, where God lives and be in His Kingdom forever.

Jesus was teaching the people in the temple at Jerusalem. He had done many miracles: He healed all kinds of diseases. It didn't make any difference whether a person was blind, or deaf, or had the measles, Jesus healed them all. Of course people wanted to hear Jesus and Jesus taught them about the Kingdom of Heaven. The chief priests and elders didn't like Jesus. He was getting too popular to suit them and they said unto Him, "By what authority do you these things and who gave you this authority?"

I suppose they thought Jesus should come to them and pay for

a permit to teach in the temple. Imagine asking the Son of God what right He had to teach in the Temple of God! But they didn't recognize Him as God's Son even though He could do so many miracles. If they would have read their scriptures more carefully they would have known who Jesus was. Isaiah 35:5-6 says, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing."

Jesus knew these people so well — just like He knows you and me. He knew what was in their hearts and Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things, the baptism of John was it from heaven or of men? Answer me."

The priests and elders were crafty men but they were not clever enough to out think Jesus. They got their heads together and reasoned with themselves: If we say from heaven, He will say, "Why didn't you believe him?" but if we say from men, we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. They answered Jesus and said, "We cannot tell." And Jesus said unto them, "Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things."

We know that the authority Jesus had was for His Father in heaven. John said, "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, He hath declared Him." Jesus said, "I proceed forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but He sent Me."

Jesus is the Son of God. The Jews had Him put to death on an old rugged cross and He died, so if we choose to live for Him, we can have our sins forgiven and belong to the Kingdom of Heaven now and forever more.

Brother Rudy Cover

THE BREADTH OF JESUS

"And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

There is a sense in which Jesus of Nazareth was lacking in breadth. He had apparently no desire to see the world and was content to spend His life in little Palestine. He walked a path which was narrow and refused to give His approbation to men and measures which won the esteem and praise of thousands of His countrymen. But there was a purpose in this narrowness and a reason for it. His narrowness was a product of His breadth. He walked the narrow path because He carried in His heart the dream of a kingdom which was vast. By standing in one place and striking repeatedly the strings of the same set of hearts, He started vibrations which have filled the world with music. By carefully

tending the fire which He had kindled, He made it hot enough to change the spiritual climate of many lands. By saturating a little circle of chosen followers with His spirit, He made them capable of carrying on their shoulders a lost race to God. By persistently treading a single path, He made that path so luminous that every eye can see it; by discarding false ideas and by opposing wicked men, He has made it easier for truth seekers and the soldiers of God in each succeeding generation to fight a good fight and to win a crown.

Many ideas shrivel and dry up with the lapse of time. Political ideas have a strange fashion of passing away and so do scientific ideas. One century has no interest in the political teachings of the century which preceded it, and no generation is willing to accept the science of the generation that went before it. But the ideas of Jesus have such breadth that they can cover the world and the ages, and although nearly twenty centuries have swept away almost everything which was believed and taught in Jesus' day, His ideas are still alive.

It is the width of His love that men have found most to wonder at. His love was unbounded. It was an ocean without a shore. Whenever He spoke about love He said something which amazed His hearers. One day He said, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you; and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you."

Jesus taught forgiveness because He knew the blessedness of a forgiving heart. He Himself was forgiving always. He had no grudges, no retaliations, no revenges. Some men forgive because they have not eyes to see the outrageousness of wrong and not heart to feel its devilishness. Jesus saw the loathsomeness of vice, knew the vulgarity, felt the hideousness of sin. His heart was so sensitive that it blazed against evil, but while He loathed the sin He could love the sinner, and so when His executioners nailed His hands and feet to the cross, the only word which escaped His lips was "Forgive" "Forgive." That great word contained the blood of His heart.

With Jesus there is a chance for the man who is supposed to have no chance, there is hope for the man whom men have doomed to perdition. The hope of Jesus is immeasurable. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son and His message still reaches us today. "Come!" Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

This, then, is a message for all. No matter who you are, you have a sure place in the mind and heart of God. No matter how you have sinned, you are inside the boundaries of His sympathy. No matter what you have said or felt or thought or done, you are still the object of His love. No matter how often you have disappointed

Him, He is still expecting of you better things. Whoever you are, and wherever you are, and whatever you are, you are included in His plans. When He laid down the lines of His vast scheme for humanity, you are not overlooked or forgotten. When He framed His church, a place inside of it was assigned to you. That place will remain vacant until you fill it. You cannot escape Him. His arms are all embracing. The width of His heart is infinite. His love is everlasting.

Selected by
Brother Don Hostetler

RIISING ABOVE OUR CIRCUMSTANCES

One day the horse had disappeared,
So Lem went out to see
What had become of faithful Jim —
Where could the creature be?

Lem thought of an abandoned well
Which had uncovered been;
He hurried down the path to see,
Yes, Jim had fallen in!

If he should try to pull him out
A leg might broken be
So he would go and get his gun
And end Jim's misery.

Lem brought the gun but couldn't bear
To shoot old faithful Jim,
So brought a shovel and a pick
With which to bury him.

Lem took a shovel full of dirt
And rolled it in the well,
It slid down on the horse's back
And to the bottom fell.

As fast as every load was sent
The horse would stomp it down
And as they both thus worked away
At last the well was gone!

Out jumped the horse, all whole and sound,
Kicked up his heels and ran.
Let's get from out this simple tale
A moral, if we can.

When people try to crush us down,

And cover us with dirt,
Let's stomp it underneath our feet,
And never let it hurt.

Let's be like Jim and rise above
The troubles that beset,
If we are on the side of right,
We'll gain the victory yet.

Selected by Brother Ray L. Stuber

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"Understanding Our Feelings"

Loneliness is an emotion experienced by many people today, even those who are Christian. It is a feeling of not belonging, of no one understanding or caring. Many people feel they are not accepted and perhaps have nothing to offer even when they are accepted into the group.

Loneliness isn't just being alone. Sometimes it is good to be alone for meditation, for studying, and for just putting your life into perspective according to God's will. Loneliness is being alone when you don't want to be! It comes in two forms: social isolation and emotional isolation.

Social isolation produces a type of loneliness that is usually temporary. It is just caused by circumstances. But emotional isolation is more a result of emotional conflict. This kind of loneliness sinks into you even when all the circumstances in your life seem to be right. You are lonely because of what is going on in your mind.

Basically, I see three stages of development regarding loneliness. First is as a youngster when you need the care and interaction of adults. With millions of broken families in our country and even within Christ's Church, a single parent is trying to meet the children's physical and emotional needs. A child whose childhood needs for parental love aren't met is wide open to loneliness.

The second stage of development comes in early adolescence when you experience the need for acceptance in your peer group. This one applies specifically to you. One problem here is the mobility and lack of stability in today's family.

If you are being attacked by loneliness, don't sing "poor me!" If you start nursing the pain.... wallowing in it.... it will get worse. Don't decide that you don't need anyone. God designed you to relate to others. Don't retreat from other people as if to punish them for not caring. This will only punish you. Also, don't generalize with "there is nothing I can do. It will be this way the rest of my life."

With the "don'ts" behind us, how do we work out the problem? First of all, learn to value other people. Don't just look at your own selfish interest, but focus on others. (Phil. 2:3-4) Take a risk! Decide to develop relationships with other people even though, of course, there is always risk involved. When you open yourself up to someone there is always the possibility for rejection. But the risk is worth it. You also have to work at friendships. When you start reaching out and when you realize that people don't have to be rated CHOICE, that they are all valuable, then you can make excellent progress.

When you are lonely accept the fact that you are lonely! It is not weak or effeminate to admit that you are lonely, homesick or that you feel lost. Temporary loneliness is totally normal. Don't panic.

Times of loneliness are times to relish your relationship with the Lord in a very special way. They drive you toward a fresh fellowship with God. The Lord "will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5.

Do some self examination. If lonely feelings come too frequently, ask the Lord to help you determine what is the underlying problem. If it is physical (as an over-weight problem) work to change what you can change. Work on your social skills. Correct poor habits. Maybe you are rude, selfish or a snob. Let the Holy Spirit have free reign in your life. And, accept those things that cannot be changed. Plainness and simplicity are always attractive and in good taste. Never become "bugged" about your modest, Biblical standard of dress. Don't be a phony and try to cater to the world's standards. This will only lead you to confusion.

You are a special creation, unique from all other people. That is really important to understand. God says that your inner qualities are far more important than what is on the outside. Choose to believe what God, the Designer of life, says.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

IS LIFE REALLY COMFORTABLE?

If your life is serene and comfortable... If all your relationships with other people are generally smooth... If you do not feel that you have any enemies...

Then maybe you are not yet fully a Christian!

Some individuals pride themselves on the fact that they get along pretty well with others. They will often consider this a strong indication that their spiritual lives are adequate. They will strive at winning the approval and keeping the favor of as many

people as they possibly can, assuming that a Christian is someone who should be liked by everyone. This becomes their goal.

The Bible does place something ahead of "winning friends and being liked." That, my friend, is doing the will of God. That must COME first.

Jesus said that it was His meat — "to do the will of Him that sent Me." That was paramount in all He did and in what He said. He lived for that, too. Jesus recognized that this would conflict with what men might want Him to do or to be. He warned His followers that anyone who would elevate God's will above everything and everyone else in life could expect to find themselves at cross purposes with the world.

It is true, but what it gets down to, is at the end you will be rewarded. Then "woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you." Luke 6:26.

Eugene E. Trujillo
Torreon Navajo Mission

LET US BE FAITHFUL

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15-16. Here we see if we are His children, we have a work to do if we want to remain faithful to the Lord. Are each of us doing our part? If not, why not? Let us remember the Good Book tells us that many are called but few are chosen. We have the Bible that is divinely inspired. It is the Word of God. It is our guide. Are we following it as closely as it directs us? Today many people try to follow some one. Who are you following? Some one out in the world of sin or Christ? Today we must decide the time is getting very short. Dear ones, let us be faithful.

Many of us have had Godly parents and they have trained us to go to Church. They always went and took us. Many of the children are still in the Church. I have often wondered what causes a son or daughter to leave the Beloved Church and wander back into the world of sin. Remember dear ones, that you once had your name written on Christ's recording book and you alone are the one who can remove it. Oh, dear one, won't you stop and think about this and come back to Christ and remain faithful until the end. Remember Christ came to save the lost.

There are so many false prophets today. Don't let one of them lead you astray. Study to show thyself approved before God a workman that is not ashamed, loving the Lord with all your heart

and soul and body. If you have strayed far away I am sure if you go to God in prayer and ask for His forgiveness He will hear you and will again enter you into the body of Christ. Now is the time. Today, if you hear Him speak harden not your heart, for you have no promise of tomorrow. It won't be long till the Master of the house will arise and close the door to all who have rejected Him. We read of these things coming to pass. Christ tells us our redemption draweth nigh.

Our blessed Savior is coming, coming soon, coming back to this earth to reign. And His weary pilgrims who have remained true and faithful, will to Glory go. Will we be found among that number? Or will we hear from our blessed Saviour, "Depart, I never knew you." I am sure to many faithful ones this will be a day of rejoicing but to others the saddest day. Jesus went to prepare a place for His faithful children. Dear ones, let us strive each day to be among that number.

In your natural life, there are limitations which your goals must fit, but in Christ you become a limitless individual. God tells us He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask. We know He is able to supply all we need, naturally and spiritually. Why don't we try to let Him guide our lives? Today is the day of salvation. If Christ is knocking at the door of your heart, why don't you let Him enter and change and mold your life for Him? Let us be faithful to our blessed Lord.

Sister E. M. Alltus

THIS PEACE HE GIVES

I know not why my pathway leads
Through valleys rough and steep;
But this I know, while walking there,
I've found communion sweet
With those I love, and, best of all,
With Him who climbed for me,
Beneath a Heavy cross,
The hill, that led to Calvary,
I know not why so many props
Have gently been removed,
But I do know through every loss
His arms unfailing proved.
I have no reason — none at all —
To doubt His precious word;
Though all I love be swept away,
His voice would still be heard
Above the storm, and as I lift
My tearfilled eyes to Him;

The great Creator, Lord of all,
He whispers "peace" within.
So as I look beyond today
I pray that I may share
This peace He gives with those
Who have a greater cross to bear.
I know not now how long 'twill be
Before He calls me Home,
But this I know
Beneath His wings I'll never be alone!
Brother Ashley Sutton
Alvordton, Ohio 43501

THIS IS MY CHURCH

It is composed of people just like me.
It will be friendly IF I AM.
It will do a great work IF I WORK.
It will make generous gifts to many causes IF I AM GENEROUS.
It will bring others into our fellowship IF I BRING THEM.
Its seats will be filled IF I FILL THEM.
It will be a church of loyalty and love, of faith and service, IF I,
WHO MAKE IT WHAT IT IS, AM FILLED WITH THESE.
Therefore, with God's help, I dedicate myself to the task of
being all these things I want my church to be.

Selected by
Sister Delores Stuber

NEWS ITEMS

WALNUT GROVE, MARYLAND

The Walnut Grove Congregation plans to hold a Revival effort starting September 26. The Lord willing, Elder Otto Harris from New Creek, West Virginia will be the Evangelist. These meetings will close with our Lovefeast on October 3. Pray for God's blessings and that His will be done.

Sister Betty Shelly, Cor.

GOSHEN, INDIANA

The Lord willing, the Goshen Congregation is planning to hold their Harvest Meeting on September 26. We plan to have Bro. Paul Stump with us as our speaker. We invite all who can to come and enjoy these services with us.

Sister Cheryl Pletcher, Cor.

WAYNESBORO, PENNSYLVANIA

The Lord willing, the Waynesboro Congregation is planning a fall Lovefeast on October 10. If you can, come and enjoy this all day service with us.

Sister Wilma Eberly, Cor.

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

The Lord willing, the Dayton Congregation plans to hold a Revival October 10 through 17, 1982. Bro. Leonard Wertz of Torreon Navajo Mission, New Mexico will be the evangelist. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

On October 16 we hold our Lovefeast. We invite all to come and worship with us.

Brother Eugene Kauffman

GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI

The Grandview Congregation enjoyed a one week revival meeting from July 18-25, with Bro. Edward Johnson from Wauseon, Ohio as our evangelist. We thank Bro. Johnson for laboring with us. The Word has been preached.

We were glad for so many from Iowa who came to worship with us at the end of the meeting. We were happy to have Sis. Johnson with us also.

We ask an interest in your prayers here at Grandview.

Sister Bertha Jarboe, Cor.

PLEVNA, INDIANA

The Plevna Congregation enjoyed a two week revival, August 1 to 15, with Bro. David Skiles as evangelist. We were glad to have Sis. Mildred and family with us.

Bro. David preached the Word and we were given much to think upon. There were no new members added to the Church at this time, but the seed has been sown. We pray that God will bless them as they return to Torreon to labor there.

The Lord willing, our Harvest Meeting will be September 12 with Bro. Paul Stump as speaker. We invite all who can to come worship with us.

Sister Verda Lorenz, Cor.

THANK YOU

We would like to take this means to thank all the Brethren and Sisters who sent us cards and gifts for our anniversary. May God richly bless each one of you.

Brother and Sister Amos Eberly

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR OCTOBER, 1982

DESIRES

Memory Verse: Job 31:35

Oh that one would hear me!
 behold, my desire is, that the
 Almighty would answer me, and
 that mine adversary had written
 a book.

Fri. 1 - Job 31:1-20

Sat. 2 - Job 31:21-40

Memory Verse: Psa. 10:17-18

Lord, thou hast heard the desire
 of the humble: thou wilt prepare
 their heart, thou wilt cause thine
 ear to hear: To judge the father-
 less and the oppressed, that the
 man of the earth may no more
 oppress.

Sun. 3 - Job 33:1-33

Mon. 4 - Job 34:1-17

Tues. 5 - Job 34:18-37

Wed. 6 - Job 36:1-33

Thur. 7 - Psa. 10:1-18

Fri. 8 - Psa. 19:1-14

Sat. 9 - Psa. 21:1-13

Memory Verse: Psa. 19:9-10

The fear of the Lord is clean,
 enduring for ever: the judgments
 of the Lord are true and righteous
 altogether. More to be desired are
 they than gold, yea, than much
 fine gold: sweeter also than honey
 and the honeycomb.

Sun. 10 - Psa. 27:1-14

Mon. 11 - Psa. 34:1-22

Tues. 12 - Psa. 37:1-20

Wed. 13 - Psa. 37:21-40

Thur. 14 - Psa. 38:1-22

Fri. 15 - Psa. 40:1-17

Sat. 16 - Psa. 45:1-17

Memory Verse: Psa. 27:40

One thing have I desired of the
 Lord, that will I seek after; that I
 may dwell in the house of the Lord
 all the days of My life, to behold
 the beauty of the Lord, and to
 inquire in his temple.

Sun. 17 - Psa. 51:1-19

Mon. 18 - Psa. 54:1-7

Tues. 19 - Psa. 59:1-17

Wed. 20 - Psa. 68:1-16

Thur. 21 - Psa. 68:17-35

Fri. 22 - Psa. 70:1-5

Sat. 23 - Psa. 73:1-28

Memory Verse: Psa. 34:12-14

What man is he that desireth life,
 and loveth many days, that he
 may see good? Keep thy tongue
 from evil, and thy lips from
 speaking guile. Depart from evil,
 and do good; seek peace and
 pursue it.

Sun. 24 - Psa. 78:1-24

Mon. 25 - Psa. 78:25-48

Tues. 26 - Psa. 78:49-72

Wed. 27 - Psa. 92:1-15

Thur. 28 - Psa. 107:1-22

Fri. 29 - Psa. 107:23-43

Sat. 30 - Psa. 112:1-10

Memory Verse: Psa. 37:4

Delight thyself also in the Lord;
 and he shall give thee the desires
 of thine heart.

Sun. 31 - Psa. 118:1-29

Memory Verse: Psa. 73:25

Whom have I in heaven but thee?
 and there is none upon earth that
 I desire beside thee.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

OCTOBER 1, 1982

NO. 19

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU

If none but you in the world today
Had tried to live the Christlike way,
Could the rest of the world look close at you
And find the path that is straight and true?

If none but you in the world so wide
Had found the Christ for his daily guide,
Would the things you do and the things you say
Lead others to live in His blessed way?

Ah, friends of the Christ, in the world today
Are many who watch you upon your way,
And look to the things you say and do
To measure the Christian standard true.

Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ
With its love so unfailing and true,
But what do they say and what do they think
Of the gospel according to you?

You are writing each day a letter to men
Take care that the writing is true;
'Tis the only gospel that some men will read,
That gospel according to you.

Selected by Sister Sarah L. Musselman

CHANGEABLENESS

Men are changeable. What pleases them one day will disgust them the next. This can easily be seen in the rapid changes in the fashions of this world. In a few short months, styles change from one extreme to another. Clothes, cosmetics, language and recreation change so quickly. Millions and billions of dollars are spent by young and old to stay abreast the current fad. Then when a new fad becomes popular, the old styles either end up piled in a closet or sold cheaply at a garage sale, if not simply thrown in the trash.

This fickleness has ever been the plight of mankind. When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, He was greeted as a conquering hero. When He left Jerusalem a few days later, He was despised and smitten. How many of those who strewed palm branches in His way also cried out "Crucify him, crucify him"? While it was the common people who welcomed Him to Jerusalem, it was the Pharisees and other leaders who condemned Him. Under the pressure of the crowd undoubtedly there were some who had welcomed Him who now condemned Him.

Gideon was one of the great leaders of Israel. Because of his faithfulness deliverance and victory were secured. The children of Israel were freed from the Midianites. With the euphoria surrounding this great victory, Gideon could have become their king. They were willing for him to be their ruler, but he declined their offer, telling them to serve the Lord. Yet after his death it was not long until the nation despised his family. They were unappreciative of the service he had rendered for them. They not only forgot Gideon, they also forgot the Lord and soon turned to

THE BIBLE MONITOR**OCTOBER 1, 1982**

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

following Baal and other heathen gods.

In fact this is the whole history of the Book of Judges, and really of the whole Old Testament. The Jews were fickle. They would follow God in a wholehearted way for awhile. They would follow Him in a half-hearted way quite a bit of the time. Then they would follow heathen gods the rest of the time. They were not constant in their service.

Christians dare not despise the Jews for their changeableness, for they often do no better. How often have there been promises of consecrated service which have been followed by half-heartedness or even disobedience? Men are quick to promise but very slow to perform. There are many warnings in the Bible about unfulfilled vows. The counsel of God is that it is better not to promise, than to make one and not to fulfill it.

The changeableness of man is ever apparent when it is compared to the steadfastness of God. "The same yesterday, today and forever" speaks specifically of Jesus. But as a person of the Godhead what applies to Him applies to the whole Godhead. There is not the constant changing in plan, purpose or program with Him as there is with men. Just as clothing styles change in the world so we notice changes in the emphasis of various religious groups. There are multitudes of programs developed to cater to one group or one problem within the Church. The emphasis may be evangelistic, youth work, Bible study, or many other things. This emphasis may almost overshadow and dim the other areas of the Church's work. Yet all of this changeableness is done in the name of an unchanging God.

The work of the unchanging Church may not be glamorous. It will not attract publicity. But in its persistent way it will accomplish the task given by the Lord. As He is unchanging so His Church must be unchanging. In the solidity of unchangeableness and in identification with her God, the Church offers a place of refuge for those who wish to escape the constant flux of an unstable world. What solidity can be offered if the Church's emphasis and program is constantly changing?

It is inevitable that there will be change even in the Church. With the passing of one generation and the rising of a new there will be some change. If the change is toward a greater consecration, more faithful service and greater knowledge of God's Word then it is a needful change. But if the change is toward greater worldliness, popularity, a decline in doctrine and less godliness then it must be avoided and resisted. Spiritual discernment and self examination are sorely needed to resist change.

The Church must not shift from her foundation. As long as she is firmly anchored on the Rock, she will withstand the fiercest

attacks of Satan. With that solidity she offers a refuge to those who have grown weary of change in the world and in popular Christianity. Each of us must build upon that unmoving Rock, so we have an unchanging anchor for our souls.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP

Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation (Act of Aug. 12, 1970; Section 3685, Title 39, United States Code). Showing the ownership, management and circulation of The Bible Monitor, published semi-monthly at Wauseon, Ohio 43567, October 1, 1982.

1. The names and addresses of the editor, publishers, and owners are: EDITOR, Milton Cook, Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, Calif. 92802; PUBLISHER, Glanz Lithographing Company, 4-4017-11, Wauseon, Ohio 43567; OWNER, Dunkard Brethren Church, Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, Calif. 92802.

2. There are no stockholders, bond holders or other security holders.

3. The average number of copies per issue distributed by mail and otherwise the previous twelve months was 1,391.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

The first issue of the Bible Monitor appeared October, 1922. Elder B. E. Kesler of Popular Bluff, Missouri was the first editor and the first few issues contain mostly his own writings. The first article in the first issue is reprinted here. It is our hope to reprint something of interest in each issue. During the first year of the Bible Monitor's life it was issued monthly but since October, 1923 it has been issued twice per month. It is hoped this look backward will inspire us to be faithful as Bro. Kesler and his peers were. May we also see that true Christianity is not dated like the fashions of this world.

Editor

EDITORIAL FOREWORD

As to apology, we have none, but our convictions are that prevailing conditions not only warrant but actually demand that a medium be instituted through which the present worldward tendency of the church may be counteracted, and evils now prevailing may be exposed and corrected, and, if possible, removed.

Our policy is, and our aim shall be, to uphold truth and righteousness, and to oppose error, wrong, and evil, and to use our

best efforts at reform by "earnestly contending for the faith once for all delivered to the saints," as revealed in the Holy Scriptures and maintained and held for over 200 years by our beloved Brotherhood.

Pecuniary interest has no place in our heart in this undertaking. Whatever adverse criticism may be made of our effort, or however much our motives may be impugned please be fair with the "Monitor", and judge it upon its merits.

It is expected that the Monitor will be published at a sacrifice, for a time at least, but this sacrifice, the promoters are willing to make in an honest effort to call us back to the primal beauty and pristine purity of the old church through which we received spiritual birth and were made children of God.

At the same time, should a sample copy fall into your hands, that will be an invitation to you to subscribe, and should the Spirit move you to share their sacrifice, your donation will be gladly accepted and fully appreciated.

We expect the endorsement of some, but your co-operation will be most helpful. Then, too, you may have a word of encouragement, that will help lots. Send it along. But above all else, pray for us.

With your help we hope to publish the "Monitor" monthly, the Lord willing. Write for sample copies or send mailing list to whom we may send sample copies.

With these convictions, and these aims, and looking to God in implicit faith and trust for guidance, and pleading guilty to many imperfections, and fully conscious of many weaknesses, we come to you with the "Monitor", as a medium of fraternal communication and interchange of thought, open to all contributors who are of like convictions and in sympathy with its aims as above expressed.

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"GUILT AND ANGER"

Emotions are a special feature of man, the "top" of God's creation. But sometimes our emotions are not used in a way that will bless our lives or bless God. An example of this is guilt. How Satan loves to use guilt to ruin our lives. It is universal and is many times painful.

Why was Jesus nailed to the cross? Basically because of the guilt of His accusers. Because every human is born with an imperfect nature, he inherits sinful emotions. The Bible states that "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans

3:23. God is perfect. Man is not! And it is the gap between man and God that produces guilt.

Not everyone feels guilty... but everyone IS guilty before God until he accepts Christ as his personal Saviour. Acceptance of Jesus will solve much of the guilt problem. The world's solution to guilt is by what I call "mind games" such as lowering standards and compromising values... to "hang loose" and "do your own thing."

Don't be self punishing. Playing God is tough! That is why the world's system doesn't work. If God's standard of behavior has been broken, then God has a method of handling the resulting guilt. How? By helping us to accept... accept the fact that guilt is a signal that something is wrong and we are motivated to try to understand our behavior. In a sense it is good in that it causes us discomfort until we do something about our "sin" problem. Self examination guided by the Bible sets up an environment to solve the guilt problem. This will lead us to confession and I John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." ("We" means Christians!) As we accept, examine, confess and correct, we will be handling our problem of guilt. God, the Judge of the universe will daily pronounce you NOT GUILTY if you learn to lean on Him at all times and keep your life and heart pure before Him.

Equally as difficult for many to control is the emotion of anger. This emotion is incredibly destructive if it is not handled in God's way. It is not always wrong in the sense that we are informed in Eph. 4:26 to be angry and sin not. This, of course, refers to being personally meek and gentle but be angry when something is directed at God or His work that will destroy it.

Anger defiles the temple. When we are angry, the cerebral cortex of the brain allows the hypothalamus to send little messages of GET MAD through the autonomic nervous system. Then these impulses tell various glands to release all sorts of good stuff into the blood stream. Thus, the heart speeds up, more blood is pumped toward the muscles, there is a rise in blood sugar, breathing increases and the pain sensors are dulled. The body is "mad." Anger at people and things is inadvertently directed toward God.

Anger is so powerful a force it is tough to stop it once it is off and running. It can cause you to have a lack of faith, irritability, prayer problems, bitterness, and the inability to concentrate. It is for this reason the Bible tells us in Matthew 5:22 that if we are angry we are in danger of judgment.

How can we control it? Put away the old nature. Put away bitterness, wrath, and anger. Develop a gentle quality... one which

is slow to anger... and use restraint with Spirit control.

Don't let anger ruin your personal life, the unity of the Church, the fellowship of the saints, the growth of the Kingdom, the opportunity for eternal life with Christ.

Be an overcomer by "loving the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Picture a holy, perfect and sinless God seeing you covered with stinking, filthy sin, yet loving you. He alone, makes it possible for us to be raised out of the sin of guilt and anger. Trust Him! A great God who made the Universe with at least 250 million times 250 million stars all larger than our sun, who made the micro organisms that we have to use a microscope to see, CARES FOR YOU and for your most minute problems. He understands. You "have not" the solutions to these problems simply because you "ask not." Ask today for Spirit control and live a life of joy and peace of mind.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

JESUS' TRUST IN GOD

HE TRUSTED ON GOD

Matthew 27:43

Many of us have heard much about Jesus but have not reached the fullness of His character. We have studied the Bible piece-meal, in scraps and patches, getting a knowledge of isolated passages and never putting together the various parts so as to see Jesus as a man among men. We have picked up a pebble now and then and have failed to take in the curve of the vast shore and the swell and surge of the sea.

How does it happen that this man was so masterful in every situation and how did it come to pass that He was joyful in the midst of many shadows? The answer to the question lies written broad on all the pages of the New Testament. His strength and gladness came from his steadfast trust in God.

For illustrations of this trust one can dip into the Gospel where he will find things which bear testimony of Jesus' trust in God. When only a boy He said to His mother, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" His last words upon the cross were "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Jesus was a praying man and we find that His prayers show us His earnestness, simplicity and boundless trust.

It is easy, indeed, to say that one trusts in God, but really to do it when justice seems dead and love seems to have vanished, that is difficult indeed. When fire burns and water drowns and volcanoes cover cities without mercy, does it not seem that nature

is indifferent to the wishes or welfare of man? Many great men have concluded that God does not know or God does not care. Let us remember that just as the earthly parent allows the disobedient son to sit down at the table with his obedient brothers and sisters, so it is the good God who feeds the good and the bad, the just and the unjust, unwilling to show resentment, hoping still that every heart will surrender. To Jesus' nature is a great witness, clothed in light, bearing continuous testimony to the width of the eternal mercy.

All of the centuries groaning with agony, all of the ages dripping with blood! Who can look upon the sufferings of the innocent, or hear the cries of the oppressed, or witness the slaughter of the pure and the good without asking himself: Does God know? Does God care? Right forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne, so it seems to the man who reads history. Vice triumphs over virtue, dishonesty tramples upon honesty, injustice lords it over justice, hate defies and defeats love. This happens not once but ten thousand times. Some men read the dark and terrible story and give up their faith in God, Jesus looks upon the same scene and gives to it a different interpretation. He sees good men come and offer their services to the world only to be rejected and repulsed. One of them is stoned, another is beaten, another is killed. Their dead bodies are piled up in sickening heaps, but to Jesus this is not evidence of the indifference of God — it is the proof of His long-suffering patience; it is because He is not willing that any should be lost that He keeps on century after century, sending into the world prophets and apostles, heroes and saints, who shall proclaim the message of Heaven to bewildered and sinful man.

Many things conspire to blot out one's trust in God. Disappointment may do it, a man's fondest dream may come to nothing, his central ambition may fail. Persecution may break a man's faith in God, the misunderstanding and misrepresentations of men, their hostility and faithlessness, their contempt and their scorn, may render it well-nigh impossible to believe that God rules the world.

Jesus had dark experiences also. He had a message to give to man that takes away the gloom and the woe of the world. He went to Jerusalem to announce it — the door was slammed in His face. He announced it in the synagogues of Galilee but the people there would not receive it. There were at last only twelve men who stood by him, and the hearts of these were so fluctuating that He said "Will ye also go away?" In the midst of the tempest His torch kept on burning and He cried "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Never was there a man like Jesus. Simon Peter was a giant, but

when the storm raged he began to sink, John the Baptist was mighty, but when the wind blew he bent like a reed. But Jesus of Nazareth, in the midst of the wildest storm that ever blotted out the heavens and caused the earth to quake looked steadily toward God, saying "Not my will but thine be done."

Selected by Brother Don Hostetler

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

TWO SONS

Matt. 21:28-32

Did you ever disobey your parents? I suppose most of us have at some time or other, but God does not approve of disobedience. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and thy mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Eph. 6:1-3. There is always a blessing in being obedient in the Lord. When we have godly parents it is the greatest blessing children can have. They teach their children how to live good lives and grow up to be Christian men and women.

Jesus once told of a man who had two sons. He came to the first or eldest son and said, "Son, go work today in my vineyard. The eldest son replied, "I will not"; but afterward he repented and went.

Then the father came to his youngest son and told him to do the same. He answered and said, "I go, sir"; and went not.

Jesus asked the chief priests and elders who were listening to him, "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said unto Jesus, "The first."

This doesn't seem hard to answer, does it. I think anyone would say that even though the eldest son said he wouldn't go but afterward repented and went was the one who did his father's will. Jesus had a lesson for those hard hearted priests and elders and said, "Verily I say unto you that the publicans and harlots will go into the kingdom of God before you." The publicans were the tax collectors, whom the Jews hated and the harlots were bad women. Then Jesus said, "John (the Baptist) came unto you in the way of righteousness, and you believed him not; but the publicans and harlots believed him; and you, when you had seen it, repented not afterward that you might believe him."

I wonder what those priests and elders thought? Jesus told them plainly that they were like the son who said he would go work in the vineyard but went not. They were disobedient to their Heavenly Father. They had by their many rules, interpretations of

the law and by their traditions made the law of God of none effect. (Mark 7:13) Even the publicans and harlots whom the Jews despised were better than they. Why? Because they repented of their sins and were willing to do what God asked them to do.

What about us? Do we make a promise to God to work in His vineyard (His Church) — do we want to look like Christians and be respected but are not willing to do anything for God? Jesus says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Read Matt. 25:31-46) We can serve God and work in His vineyard if we are willing to help others.

I hope that we can be like the first son even though we may have said we didn't want to work for God and be a Christian, we can change our minds. To be obedient to God is the important thing. God will forgive, if we repent. Jesus died for us that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Don't be like the second son who said, "I go" and went not.

Brother Rudy Cover

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

In Matthew 16:18-19 we read, "And I (Jesus) say also unto thee, That thou art Peter (Petros - rock), and upon this rock (Jesus Christ) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee (The Church) the keys of the kingdom of heaven..."

To those who falsely teach that Peter was the rock upon which Christ built His Church we quote Ephesians 2:20 where Paul is speaking of new converts, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNER STONE;"

There are various theological interpretations as to what the "keys" refer to. Some believe that "the church" (of itself) has the power to give individuals the right to enter heaven or to withhold this privilege. We believe that the keys of the kingdom of heaven are teachings of our Lord given during His earthly ministry. Since the number seven is the "perfect" number in scripture we have chosen seven keys we believe Christ is referring to.

The first key we find in John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." There is no other way to enter into the kingdom of Heaven except through Jesus Christ. There are no "skelton keys" that allow an individual to by-pass this eternal truth. The Jewish people of today along with all the false religions have to come to Jesus Christ to enter into the kingdom!

The second key is found in John 17:3, "And this is life eternal,

they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." The most frequent used Hebrew words for "God" (over 2,500 times in the Old Testament) is "Elohim." This name is plural in form, but is singular in construction (used with a singular verb or adjective). We believe this refers to the Trinity. Although our finite minds can not fathom all of the mystery involved, the scriptures clearly teach that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh and yet was fully human. In Philippians 2:5-6 (speaking of Jesus Christ) we read, "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:"

The third key is found in Mark 14:24, "And he (Jesus) said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many." It is not works of righteousness or baptismal water that washes away our sins, but the precious blood of Jesus Christ! This truth is becoming increasingly unpopular in today's theology but without it we can not see the kingdom.

The fourth key is found in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." We will allow scripture to speak for itself on this one. We leave all final judgment in the hands of God.

The fifth key is found in John 14:16-17, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive..." There is talk today about "spirit filled Christians" who have supposedly received the Holy Spirit after conversion. (We will not go into detail at this time but the scriptures teach that the "baptism of the Holy Spirit" is the Holy Spirit coming into the life of an individual at the time of their conversion.) Romans 8:9-16 clearly teaches that we can not be saved without having the Holy Spirit! Since the Holy Spirit is a person you can not have part of Him.

The sixth key is found in John 14:21, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." We believe the commandments of Jesus Christ are all the teachings found in the New Testament. As taught in Ephesians 2:8-9 we are not saved by OUR works. But the scriptures make a clear distinction between OUR works and obedience to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Those who refuse to obey ALL of the teachings of Jesus Christ (through willful disobedience or ignorance) we leave in the hands of a holy God.

The seventh and final key we find in Luke 17:21, "Neither shall

they say, Lo here! or low there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." There are those who teach that there is a difference between the "kingdom of heaven" and the "kingdom of God." But a careful Bible study will show this to be false. Although there is a future aspect of this kingdom, the scriptures teach that it is now present in the form of the Church.

There is much more that we could say concerning the Kingdom but space does not allow it at this time. Let us close with the thought that individuals who accept the offer to enter into the kingdom, if they remain in the faith, have made the choice of eternal life rather than eternal death (separation-punishment).

Brother James M. Hite
816 E. Birch Street
Palmyra, Pa. 17078

1982 GENERAL CONFERENCE SERMON NOTES

Saturday P.M.

Speaker: Bro. William Heisey, Matthew 25:31-46

This is the separation that each of us must face at some time in the future. Before Him will be gathered all nations. Even so-called Christian America will appear there. God's separation will not be by nationality but by individual.

Those on the right hand were blessed with a great inheritance. This judgment is much like it is in school. There a report card is given to show the standing of the pupil. At the end of the school year that card is marked either to promote or retain that student. We all want to be classified with the sheep. Just as the pupil must meet certain standards in order to pass so we must meet certain standards to be classed with the sheep. There is an effort demanded to be promoted in school and in the work of the Lord.

II Cor. 6:1-9. This tells us what kind of life we have to live. We have to be prepared for all things to come. Heb. 11:24-27. Moses had to choose whether to serve the Lord or Pharaoh. He separated himself from Pharaoh and identified himself with the people of God. He had an opportunity to become rich and to be a ruler but he gave it up to suffer the reproach of God's people.

Deut. 6:1-9. They were to teach God's commands from one generation to the next. They weren't to forget them. They were to remember and teach how the Lord had delivered them. They were to be kept in their hearts. Lev. 18:3. They were not to do like the Egyptians did nor were they to do like the Canaanites, whose land they were going to inherit. They were to be a separated people.

Lev. 20:22-24. They were to keep all of His statutes and judgments and to be different than the tribes which God drove out before them. Then the land would be for them a land flowing with milk and honey. God had separated them from all other people. "Ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation" is a direct command. Some of the commandments are things we should do and some are things we should not do. I Peter 2:9-11. Let us not be ashamed to wear our plain clothes and be known as a peculiar people. They are a witness to those outside. Often they are a protection to those who wear them.

We must put forth an effort. Rom. 7:12-20. Paul had a battle within his own life to do good. Matt. 11:28-30. This has been a big help to me. While the Christian life demands an effort it is not impossible.

There is a reward for the effort. Rev. 12:13-17. Eternal life is the goal of each of us. Let us strive to receive it.

To be continued

JOB

Job lived in the land of Uz. He was a perfect and upright man, and one who feared God. There were born into his home, seven sons and three daughters. He was well-to-do, at this time he had a lot of stock, seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yolk of oxen, five hundred she asses, and a very great household. It was said he was the greatest of all the men of the East.

Job went through a lot of suffering, but remained true to God. In the latter days it seemed the Lord blessed him more than in the beginning. He now had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yolk of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

It is said of his daughters, in all the land there were none of the women found so fair. Job was able to live to see his sons and his son's sons, even four generations. So he died being old and full of days.

Some of the things I have found in the book of Job. There are three hundred and twenty-six questions. The book contains forty-two chapters and one thousand and seventy verses. The shortest chapter has six verses. The longest chapter has forty-one verses. The thirty-third chapter has thirty-three verses. The twenty-eighth chapter has twenty-eight verses. In chapters six, nine, twelve, sixteen, nineteen, twenty-one, twenty-three and twenty-six the first verses are alike. Also in chapters twenty-seven and twenty-nine verse one is alike.

Sister E. M. Alltus

HEALTH IS A BLESSING

by Horace Mohler

The angel touched my arm and spoke,
And startled by his voice, I woke.
"Get up," he said, "there comes the sun —
Another day has just begun!"
And with this most unsavory warning
I realized that it was morning.

I frowned and cried, "O bitter cup!
I am so tired of getting up!
Oh, how I long for that glad day
When you'll no longer come and say:
'The sun is up, the day is dawning;
Now rise and shine, for it is morning!' "

"Perhaps," said he, "you'll come along
And let me show you that vast throng,
That multitude who can but lay
And keep their beds day after day?"
"Oh, no," said I, "I'll not be going!"
But through the air we soon were flowing.

In one swift flash 'mid groans and glooms
I looked into ten thousand rooms,
Where lay the sick, the halt, the blind —
The weak and suffering of mankind.
I saw their months and years of lying,
I saw their tears, and heard their sighing.

In horror I recoiled and said:
"What endless years they spend abed!
How tired and tedious their days,
Their nights what long and bitter maze!"
I heard the children crying,
I saw the gasping of the dying.

In tears I thought it could not be,
That these were bound, and I was free,
I cried, "O Lord, forgive my pleas
To lie in bed and take my ease!"
I felt a touch — I had been dreaming —
There stood my angel friend abeaming!

"Get up!" said he. "There is the sun;
Another day has just begun.
There are so many things to do,

And so I came to waken you!"
With happy shout my room resounding,
I leaped into the day rebounding!

Selected by Sister Ruthanna Sauerwein

OBITUARY

ISAAC WILLIAM ROOT

Bro. Issac William Root, was born November 4, 1893 in Carthage, Missouri, to Joseph A. and Emma (Bastin) Root. He was married February 8, 1914 in McWille, Oklahoma to Ethel L. Booze. She preceded him in death February 11, 1981. To this union were born four sons, Sharon, Wilbur, Marion, all of Great Bend, Kansas and David of Dallas Center, Iowa; four daughters, Olive Haldeman of Dallas Center, Iowa, and Emma Hartman of Hoisington, Kansas, Mae Skinner of Bay City, Texas and Rose Cress of Dallas, Texas.

He with his family came to Great Bend in 1923. He was a retired owner and operator of a produce company in Great Bend.

He was baptized in 1908 at the age of 15 years. He became a member of the Church of the Brethren. He became a charter member of the Dunkard Brethren Church at McClave, Colorado in 1927, shortly after the Church's organization in 1926. He held his membership at Quinter, Kansas until the time of his death.

He was installed in the ministry about 1934 and was ordained to the Eldership ten years later. He served on several of the Brotherhood Church boards, being active in Church work for many years.

He leaves to mourn his passing; his children, sixteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, several nephews, nieces and other relatives, along with a host of neighbors and friends.

Services were held in the Fryberger Mortuary in Great Bend by Elder Warren Smith assisted by Elder Emery Wertz.

NEWS ITEM

ENGLEWOOD, OHIO

The Englewood Congregation will engage in an all day service Saturday, October 23, beginning at 10:00 A.M., if God wills. The Lovefeast will follow in the evening at 7:00 P.M. A hearty invitation goes out to all who might attend, which would be an encouragement to us.

Sister Ruth Speicher, Cor.

DIRECTORY OF BOARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dale E. Jamison, Chairman
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Ray R. Reed, Secretary
Box 12, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Joseph E. Flora, Chairman
R. 3 Box 12, Adel, Iowa 50003

Hayes Reed, Secretary
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

William Carpenter, Treasurer
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Harley Rush
R. 1, Converse, Indiana 46919

Galen Litfin
1314 East 7th St.
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Dale Jamison
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Jacob C. Ness
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

Frank Shaffer
13062 Grant Shook Rd
Greencastle, PA 17225

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Howard J. Surbey, Chairman
749 W. King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340

Jacob C. Ness, Secretary
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

H. Edward Johnson, Treasurer
5-1307-S.H. 108
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Dean St. John
1040 Hillsdale Road, R. 1
Camden, Michigan 49232

Warren C. Smith
McClave, Colorado 81057

BIBLE STUDY BOARD

William Carpenter, Chairman
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Eugene Kauffman, Secretary
R. 6, Box 51
Harrisburg, Virginia 22801

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

Rudolph Cover
2034 Roble Ave.
Modesto, CA 95351

Dennis St. John
Rt. 1
Bryan, Ohio 43506

RELIEF BOARD

Boyd Wyatt, Chairman
4925 Tegner Rd.
Hughson, CA 95326
209-883-4138

Newton Jamison, Secretary
512 Garfield
Quinter, Kansas 67752
913-754-3433

Kyle Reed, Treasurer
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
515-677-2467

Virgil Leatherman
419 N. Queen St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-5753

Robert Carpenter
R. 5, Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

TORREON NAVAJO MISSION

David Skiles, Superintendent
R. 2 Box 8
Cuba, New Mexico 87013

Hayes Reed, Chairman
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

Kyle Reed, Secretary
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167

Newton Jamison, Treasurer
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Harley Flory
R. 4, Defiance, Ohio 43512

All contributions to the various Boards should be made out to the Treasury but sent to the Secretary for his records

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

OCTOBER 15, 1982

NO. 20

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

SWEET PEACE

There comes to my heart one sweet strain,
A glad and a joyous refrain;
I sing it again and again,
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.

Thro' Christ on the cross peace was made,
My debt by His death was all paid;
No other foundation is laid
For peace, the gift of God's love.

When Jesus as Lord I had crowned,
My heart with this peace did abound;
In Him the rich blessing I found,
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.

In Jesus for peace I abide,
And as I keep close to His side;
There's nothing but peace doth betide,
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.

- P. P. Bilhorn

PEACE

Everyone is interested in peace. Everybody talks about a world that is at peace instead of at war. There are peace treaties, peace conferences, peace programs, peace marches, peace committees and many other activities devoted to peace. Yet our world is as unpeaceful as ever. There is very little peace in the world today. Instead we have wars and rumors of war on every hand.

The failure of all these idealistic approaches to peace is not due to the lack of effort and desire. The failure comes from dependence upon men's ideas and programs for obtaining peace. The failure lies in not following the way to peace established by God.

God's peace plan consists of three elements. Men must first be at peace with God, then have peace within and thirdly have peace with their fellowmen. Peace on earth among men can only come through God's way. Any attempt to shortcut this way will only result in frustration and failure. God the author of peace must not be left out of the search for peace.

As useless and terrible as the wars of this world are, there is a warfare that is even more senseless and deadlier. That is the warfare between men and God. This warfare is as widespread as it is senseless. God has provided the solution to this alienation but men have rejected it. God is a God of peace. Because of His all encompassing love He has made an extraordinary effort to ensure peace between Himself and individuals. His peace is offered on an individual basis not on a group or national basis. God loves and deals with individuals and each must choose to be at peace with Him.

THE BIBLE MONITOR**OCTOBER 15, 1982**

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

While each is born into this world at peace with God and remains in that state until reaching an accountable age, each soon becomes alienated from God through sins of deeds, thoughts and speech. These sins, which are deeds of obedience to Satan, God's arch enemy, separate each one from God. If a man chooses sin then he has become a servant of Satan. A servant of Satan can not be a servant of God, so there is enmity. This is a warfare. Until men accept God's provision for re-establishing a peaceful relation with Him, men do not have peace with God nor are they able, beyond a superficial way, to have peace with each other. Satan is the promoter of strife and hatred. As long as men are his servants they can not have peace.

Another element of peace is His peace within. Men can not be at peace among themselves as long as they do not have peace within. It is often a feature of international affairs that a nation which is divided and has strife within will often become involved in strife with other nations as a way to unite its people artificially. This same condition is often apparent among those who are involved with arguments and battles with their neighbors. They do not have peace within. They are full of frustration and anger that is expressed in their relationships with others.

A peace within comes only with peace with God. As long as a person is fighting God he can not have peace within. This peace results from the knowledge that all is in God's hands. This peace knows that although events are dark and there is opposition, still all will be well for God is in control. This is the peace that passeth understanding. It is beyond human reasoning and the usual human experience to be able to be at peace when all is contrary. Peace within is necessary to have a sane, Spiritual life, individually, and it is necessary as it affects our relations with others.

We will be at peace with our fellowmen if we are at peace with God and have His peace within. There is an effort that is demanded in order to be at peace. The world around us, because of their lack of peace with God and within themselves, will do many things that will frustrate and perhaps hurt the Christian. The reaction of the world to such provocation is revenge. The reaction of the Christian must be different, it must be peaceable. The Christian's nonresistent reaction is not limited to nonparticipation in military programs. It must be active in every activity. Non-resistance is necessary in family life, community life and even in our Church life. The natural man is apt to take offense at the smallest things but the Christian dare not react as the natural man. He must react as a child of God. The only begotten Son of God was meek. He suffered and died. He was framed and abused but He

sought God's forgiveness for them, not revenge. As adopted children of God, we must react in the same way.

The world can sponsor all sort of peace crusades and organizations but when the Prince of Peace is left out there will be no peace. Without peace with God and peace within, a man is incapable of being truly at peace with his fellows. Are you enjoying this peace?

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

There are certain principles which we all feel are essential to salvation and Christian living, but we do not agree on every detail. This often causes conflict among believers in Christ and we tend to withdraw into our corners from which we give our arguments. Yet we can never help people by attacking and tearing apart what they believe. We have varied backgrounds, different levels of understanding and we don't always know what another person understands. Perhaps this is why God instructed us not to judge each other, as no one can walk in the light which has been revealed to someone else.

We can't reveal the Truth to someone else, but God can. We need to make it our business to help people get closer to God and leave the judging to Him. Most of us have enough trouble walking in the light we have, without trying to keep someone else straight also. In order to help others, we need to recognize what they are doing right, not just what they are doing wrong. Teaching must begin at the point where they are now spiritually, not at our own levels of understanding.

A babe in Christ doesn't have all the spiritual enlightenment which a mature Christian has. A person who hasn't been taught properly is also as a babe in Christ, even though his faith isn't new. There are many levels of understanding between a new faith and a mature faith in Christ, and each believer is at one of these levels. Spiritual growth or the lack of it, depends on several things. Especially important are the opportunities to learn, and the desire to learn. A person unwilling to be taught isn't likely to learn much.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. He does not intend for His followers to be in darkness, lacking understanding of His will for our lives. We have His Word — the Bible — and we have His Teacher — the Holy Spirit. We also have ministers, teachers and others who can help us learn. No one can walk in the light apart from Christ, and no one can follow Christ's commandments without first being taught what they are

and receiving understanding of them.

David wrote in Psa. 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation." In Psa. 119:105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." He knew where the light came from and what it was for — to see by. When you want to see, you go to a source of light — a candle, lamp and so forth. You don't build a fire in a stove to see by. For spiritual light, you must go to the source of that light, the Lord. The pathway of life has many pitfalls and dark corners, and you need the Lord to light the way. He knows what's ahead and will protect and guide you.

Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." We all agree that a light is to see by, and a light must be connected to some sort of fuel source. As a Christian, you are connected to Jesus, and His light shines from you. Not only is His light shining from you but you are also walking in it. If you aren't walking in the light, you need help before you can help anyone else. Are you walking in His light?

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16. "No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light." Luke 11:33. Did you ever try to hide the light coming from a flashlight? It's not easy, and it is just as difficult to hide the light of Jesus if you truly have it. When you have His light, you are not to attempt to hide it. Why? Because it was never meant to be hidden.

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:6-7. If we walk in darkness, we are living in sin. If we walk in the light, we are following Christ. Just claiming that we have fellowship with Christ is not enough. We must please Him in our daily walk. What are you walking in — darkness, or in Christ's light?

Sister Eileen Broadwater



A Scottish shepherd was once asked if his sheep would follow the voice of a stranger. He replied, "Yes, when they are sick, but never when they are well. A sick sheep will follow anybody." No wonder false shepherds get quite a following in these days.

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"EVOLUTION"

Evolution definitely merits our discussion in this column. I know that we have all been confronted with this theory since early school years and it is another means that Satan is using to try to get us away from the truths contained in the Bible.

Although the theories of evolution and special creation are as different as night and day, they are similar in one respect. Both are theories. One can be proven by the Bible and the other one is not proven except by man's wildest imagination. Even though evolution is being presented in the public schools as fact, it can not even be proven in the laboratory. On the other hand, creation is dismissed by humanists in the classroom as an allegorical Biblical myth.

The evolutionists believe that the earth is about 4.5 billion years old. It is the product, they say, of an explosion which occurred in space when a large mass of matter previously formed by gravitational collapse blew apart. The explosion that occurred resulted in all of the celestial bodies of the universe... which they contend is still expanding. This you have heard called the "big bang theory." Another theory of the origin is by the nebular theory. Those who hold this to be true believe that large swirling masses of cosmic dust and gas coalesced to form the individual stars and planets and that this type of evolution of suns continues even now. Supposedly these suns grow brighter and brighter until they burn themselves out and all their surrounding planets with them. You see, even the scientists can't agree among themselves on which idea to believe!

As CREATIONISTS, we believe ONLY the Bible story. We understand that life procreates within species and not across species lines. There is variation and adaptation within a given species, but this is a horizontal move and not a vertical one. There has been no evolving of one species into another even though many attempts have been made to accomplish this in the laboratory. Remember the old fruit fly studies? These unfortunate creatures have been subjected to every imaginable form of genetic abuse to prove Darwin's theory that chance mutation produces a new species. Not only are they still just fruit flies, they are an inferior quality as compared to their parents. Therefore, this is poor proof of Darwin's theory of an upward march through the animal kingdom of one more complex species after another.

At the University I learned that life evolved from simple to complex forms because of chance mutations brought about by

ionizing radiation. This is another one of Satan's lies as 99.9% of all mutations are harmful and either produce death or disability of the affected animal. Darwin's theory says that fish had their genetic makeup altered and grew legs instead of fins and lungs instead of gills. After millions of years of adaptation and change, this creature was able to walk out of the water, begin breathing air and became the first amphibian. All this, of course, by chance!

Some compromising Christians refer to themselves as THEISTIC EVOLUTIONISTS. These people believe that God was the moving force behind the evolution of life but that it was not done in the manner described in God's Word. They believe that the day mentioned in Genesis 1 was really an age, an aeon, or a million year span of time. However, this itself is utterly without reason since green vegetation appeared on day three and could not have survived without the energy it derived from the sun... which was not there according to God's Word until the fourth day!

READ GENESIS 1 again! There you will find the answers that the theory of evolution lacks. God is eternal and all powerful. He is the beginning and the end. He conceived the idea of the earth and the universe.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

SEEDS OF DOUBT

In John 8:44 we read the words of Jesus, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

It is not our purpose to determine who Jesus spoke of as having Satan as their father, but rather we wish to center our thoughts on the fact that Satan is the originator of all lies. You may disagree but we believe that an individual can be truly born again and still be deceived by a lie from Satan. We do not believe the greatest threat to the work of Christ is an atheist (or a group of atheists) who seek to destroy the Word of God but those within the (earthly) Church who have fallen victim to the lies of Satan.

We believe Satan is working within the (earthly) Church by casting doubt in three major areas within the minds of individuals. He is planting seeds of doubt concerning the authority of God's Word, the person of Jesus Christ, and the reality of miracles. We would like to explore these three areas in greater depths.

Satan spoke the first seeds of doubt back in the Garden of Eden

when he said to Eve, "Yea, hath God said...?" If Satan can convince individuals, and he has already succeeded in doing so, that there is a discrepancy in the first two chapters of the Bible he has won the battle, hands down! It is becoming increasingly popular in some Church circles to follow the false theory that Genesis was written by four scholars rather than the traditional thinking that Moses was the author of Genesis. But more important than WHO WROTE the book of Genesis is the insinuation that the first two chapters of this book DISAGREE and therefore CONTAIN ERROR! From this seed of doubt has come the thinking that the Bible is NOT the Word of God, but merely CONTAINS the Word of God. You see how subtle Satan is, he allows us to "pick and choose" which portions of scripture we wish to follow and still defend the Word of God to a degree!

When Satan sows the seed of doubt by persuading individuals to accept the theory of evolution rather than the truth of Creation he is also casting doubt on the person of Jesus Christ. Of course Satan is too wise to try to convince those who have knowledge of the Word of God that God did not have ANYTHING to do with how things came into being. Instead he subtly declares that "Certainly God HAD A PART in how the world came to be but it WAS NOT DONE IN THE WAY HE SAID IT WAS!" In Colossians 1:16 we read, "For by him (Jesus Christ) were all things created,... (NOT DID ALL THINGS EVOLVE!)" After Satan has sown the seed of doubt concerning Creation he goes to work on the person of Jesus Christ who is the central theme and main character of all of scripture. (There are portions of scripture which we have problems reconciling with the teachings of Jesus Christ but we recognize them as TRUTH and realize that an infinite God is speaking to finite minds and that ALL SCRIPTURE ultimately points to Jesus Christ and His vicarious atonement.) Satan will convince individuals that Jesus Christ was not present in the Old Testament, (it is true that He was not fully REVEALED), and thus cause doubt concerning the scripture quoted as well as John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." We are told later in this chapter that "the Word" was Jesus Christ. Satan would have you believe that Jesus Christ was not REALLY God in the flesh but that this was a term used which merely meant He was a human who evolved into a superior being "before his time"! (We will speak more on this subject under "miracles".) It is then suggested that salvation through His shed blood is not only not necessary but questionable! Satan will try to convince individuals that it is merely the TEACHINGS of Jesus that are important. From these seeds of doubt he will then try to

convince individuals that ALL RELIGIOUS TEACHING has merit. The final conclusion, he will bring to minds is that ALL RELIGIONS LEAD TO GOD. Thus making Jesus Christ to be the liar rather than himself!

In Psalms 14:1 we read, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God..." We believe that most individuals believe this to be true. Therefore, Satan knows he can not deceive the majority into believing THIS lie. He is too wise to give up because of this, however. He allows individuals to believe there is a God but that He is not capable of performing miracles! This puts the true God in the same category as all the false gods (idols)! Of course it is at Genesis 1 where he begins his attack. He then proceeds to plant seeds of doubt concerning all the Old Testament miracles. When he has succeeded in this area he moves on to the New Testament. His next attack is on the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. For some it is merely a matter of convincing them it is untrue. But not everyone is that gullible. So Satan will tell them that it is true that Joseph was not the father of Jesus. That Mary was, indeed, a virgin at the time of the conception of Christ. But, rather than God being the literal Father of Jesus Christ, Mary was raped (being a virgin) and God took this terrible event and made something very wonderful out of it! This is such blasphemy that we hate to repeat it, but it does no good to close our eyes and try to pretend that such outrageous lies are not being taught BY INDIVIDUALS IN THE (EARTHLY) CHURCH! From here it is a small matter for Satan to make none effect of the miracles performed by Christ during His walk on earth. The miracle of the resurrection is the next to "bite the dust." The miracle of Christ's Second Coming and the establishing of a New Heaven and New Earth are brought to nought with very little persuasion.

After Satan has planted the various seeds of doubt mentioned he is ready for THE ULTIMATE LIE to be planted in individuals' minds. He will convince some that God did not create man but that man created God (in their minds)!

If you have never accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, Satan has control of your heart and mind, whether you acknowledge it or not. If you are a Christian DO NOT COMPROMISE ON THE WORD OF GOD, for the scriptures tell us, "Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

Brother James M. Hite

816 E. Birch St.

Palmyra, Pennsylvania 17078

WHERE GOD HAS PLACED BAPTISM

I am not responsible for the place baptism occupies in God's plan of salvation. It is there, not because I advocate it, but because God has ordained it. Since I had nothing to do with giving the scriptures, I cannot be held responsible for baptism being taught therein! Had the matter been left in my hands, I would never have included baptism in any plan for remission of man's sins! I don't believe any man would have devised this means of being saved. That only proves that God, and not man, set forth the terms by which we are to be redeemed!

God declared long ago: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isa. 55:8. We must answer to God, and not God to us. When God speaks we must hear and obey.

Before baptism the alien sinner is condemned. Rom. 10:17. Is dead in sins. Eph. 2:1. Without God and hope. Eph. 3:12.

An alien sinner must: Hear the gospel, Rom. 10:17, Believe on Christ, John 8:24, Repent of his sins, Luke 13:3-5.

The sinner must enter into Christ by baptism; so after baptism the blessings obtained are: Shall be saved, Mark 16:16, Receive remission of sins, Acts 2:38, Sins are washed away, Acts 22:16, Baptised into Christ, Gal. 3:27, Baptised into one body, I Cor. 12:13, Receive newness of life, Rom. 6:3, Renewing of the Spirit, Titus 3:5, Baptism doth now save us, I Peter 3:21.

So don't reject the council of God. They that gladly received His word were baptized, and God added daily to the Church such as were being saved. Acts 2:41.

Brother W. E. Bashor

THE BROTHERLINESS OF JESUS

"First be reconciled to thy brother"

Matthew 5:24

We would like to consider the word "brotherliness", for this word contains two elements, both of which are essential if we would understand the kind of man Jesus was. "Brotherliness" carries in it not only a sense of kinship but likewise a disposition to render help. There is a relationship and likewise a helpfulness, and both of these blended into one constitute the quality to which we invite your attention.

This trait in Jesus made a profound impression upon those about Him and is evidenced not only what His friends have said about Him, but also by the criticisms and sneers which He drew from His foes. It was a common taunt of the Scribes and Pharisees that He was a friend of Publicans and sinners, and when He hung dying on the cross the leading men of the Jewish church gathered round Him saying with a jeer, "He saved others, He cannot save himself." Both of these accusations are as devilish as anything to be found in the literature of the world, but they are valuable to us in this that they show conclusively what impression this man made upon the people of His time. It had been His practice all the way through life to help men. He had been a friendly, brotherly man even to the lowest and basest of society. In these three sentences — "The Friend of Publicans and sinners", "He saved others, he cannot save himself," "He went about doing good." — We get eloquent testimony to the fact that Jesus had a brotherly heart.

A Publican was a person who was looked down upon by the people in Jesus' time. They were outcasts, vagabonds, worse than the homeless curs that roamed the streets. No decent man would have anything to do with them, no religious teacher took any interest in them. They were simply the offscouring and dregs of society. But even with these Jesus made friends. Not only did He speak to them but He ate with them, went into their houses and sat down to the table with them.

Christianity has often been conceived as a religion that is interested chiefly in the outcasts of the society, in the poor, the sick, the depraved. It should never be forgotten that Jesus was brotherly toward good men as well as poor men, respectable men as well as disreputable men — He was the brother of every man. If more is said in the New Testament about poor men than rich men, it is because Jesus was able to come nearer to poor men than He was to rich men. Rich men always seem to be inaccessible. But it must not be forgotten that He was just as friendly toward the rich Nicodemus as He was to the poor woman at the well; that He was just as brotherly toward rich Zaccheus as He was to the poor beggar in Jerusalem.

Jesus took His place at the very beginning of His ministry among His brethren. Nowhere does brotherliness come out more clearly than in His treatment of the sick. He could not pass a sick man without His soul going out to help him. Pain in its every form appealed to Him, misery drew virtue from His heart. A large proportion of all the recorded miracles are miracles of healing. He could not look upon the deaf or dumb, the palsied, the blind

without putting forth His power to help them.

One of the greatest parables is that of the rich man and Lazarus. A rich man fares sumptuously every day, and at his gate there lies a poor sick beggar, his body covered with ulcers, with no friend to bring relief. It was not because the rich man was rich and dressed in fine raiment and fared sumptuously every day, that later on he lifted up his eyes in torment. But because his heart was not tender, his sympathy did not go out to his brother's need.

Selected by Brother Don Hostetler

HALLOW WHAT?

By C. H. Shofstahl

On the evening of October 31 each year millions of children across the land go door-to-door crying, "Trick or treat!" Benevolent occupants smile as they place candy, apples, or some other tasty morsel in the children's bags and send them on their way.

Skeletons, ghosts, witches, bats, owls, and black cats are displayed; ghost stories abound; and costume and candy manufacturers reap a commercial harvest as they line their pockets with the money they make selling Halloween costumes and candy.

Most people who observe Halloween see nothing wrong with it. But where did it originate? What is the significance of the symbols we always associate with Halloween? Is it really harmless? What should be the Christian's attitude toward Halloween?

As with many holidays, Halloween finds its origin deep in heathen idol worship. November 1 was the beginning of the ancient Celtic New Year, and the Druids believed that the souls of those who had died the previous year were released on the last night of the old year — October 31 — by SAMHAIN, Lord of the Dead. In fear and dread they built huge bonfires to ward off evil spirits. The spirits had been confined to the bodies of lower animals to atone for their sins, but on November 1, "All Souls Day", they were free to go to Druid heaven. Horses and human criminals were sacrificed by being burnt alive in wicker and thatch cages to honor the event. (Some time after the first century, black cats replaced human sacrifices. Black cats were considered to be familiars of witches, or even the witches themselves.) In any event, all honor was given to Satan, who is the Lord or Prince of Death. The Celtic New Year's Day began their winter — the time of "the light that loses, the night that wins" — a period of darkness. The Roman Catholic Church compromised the truth by accepting some of the heathen observances as a means of making it easier for the

heathen to be "converted" to Christianity. The Catholic holy day is called "Hallowmas," or "All Saints Day," and the night before it is called the "Eve of All Hallows," or "Hallowed Evening" which shortens to "Hallowe'en." Much of the ancient Druid idol worship passed on into the Roman Catholic Church and has become commonly accepted by the world and the Church in our day.

Halloween parties are observed by civic organizations, taverns, night clubs, churches, schools, and... you name it! And most educated, reasoning, intelligent, American adults blindly accept Halloween as a harmless tradition.

Harmless? It may appear so on the surface; but what ideas are you introducing to your child's head by making light of the evil and supernatural forces of darkness — the realm of Satan? Our own generation has seen the revival of witchcraft and human sacrifices. Christ is blasphemed. Anton LeVey, the High Priest of Satan worshippers in the United States has stated, concerning Halloween, that he is glad the Christian parents let their children worship the Devil at least one night out of the year.

We may expect the world to observe such pagan practices. But should the Christian join in the festivities? Observing Halloween glorifies Satan, not Christ. To identify with Halloween is to rub elbows with Satan himself.

Those who have been redeemed by His precious blood should not deny the Lord Jesus Christ by sacrificing their children on the altars of the Lord of the Dead at Halloween.

Selected

OBITUARY

DELLA JOHNSON

Sister Della May Johnson was born October 1, 1896, in Dunconsville, Pennsylvania. She was the oldest of ten children of the late Bro. and Sis. Blair Hoover. She was the first to break the family circle. She passed away at her home in Modesto, California, September 17, 1982 at the age of 85 years, 11 months and 17 days.

September 5, 1920 she was united in marriage to Oscar Johnson of Redfield, Kansas. Two sons were born to this union, the oldest only lived a few days. They moved to California November 13, 1930. September 5, 1970 they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and on October 24, 1970 her companion passed away.

Early in life she accepted the Lord and was baptized in the Carson Valley Church of the Brethren. A few years ago she

transferred her membership from the Church of the Brethren at Empire to the Dunkard Brethren Church, where she had attended for some time and desired a closer walk with the Lord. She was very happy in the Church.

She leaves her devoted son, Ernest, and his wife, Lil; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nine brothers and sisters, Mary Clapper, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania; Elmer Hoover, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth Alltus, Catherine Fortman, Orville Hoover and David Hoover, Modesto, California; James Hoover, Anaheim, California; Harvey Hoover, Concord, California; Leslie Hoover, Citrus Heights, California and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. On September 21, 1982 at 3 o'clock services were held at Salas Brothers Funeral Parlor by Elder Hayes Reed and Elder Rudy Cover. She was laid to rest in the Lakewood Cemetery.

NEWS ITEMS

WEST FULTON, OHIO

The Lord willing, the West Fulton Congregation will again enjoy a series of revival meetings, starting October 31, lasting through November 14.

Bro. Dennis St. John, of Bryan, Ohio, will bring us these inspiring messages. Bro. Robert Carpenter, of Peru, Indiana, will bring us the Harvest Meeting message on November 14, with all day services.

We welcome all who can to come and enjoy these messages with us.

Sister Elaine Beck, Cor.

PLEASANT HOME, CALIFORNIA

The Pleasant Home Church of Modesto, California plans to hold a Revival from November 7 to November 14, 1982 at 7:30 p.m. Bro. Paul Reed from Virginia will be our Evangelist. Our Lovefeast will be Saturday, November 13, with services in the morning and Communion in the evening.

May God bless these meetings to His glory. Come and be with us.

Sister Edyth Kline, Cor.

GOSHEN, INDIANA

The Lord willing, the Goshen Congregation plans to hold a Revival Meeting, October 22 through October 31. Brother Leonard Wertz from the Torreon Navajo Mission will be the Evangelist. Lovefeast Service will be the evening of October 30 at 7 p.m. with afternoon services beginning at 2 p.m. Please pray for these meetings that souls will be saved and that the Saints will be

strengthened. We invite all who can to come and be with us.

Sister Cheryl Pletcher, Cor.

SWALLOW FALLS, MARYLAND

Our revival meeting ended August 22 after a full week of feasting on God's Word through our Evangelist Bro. Dennis St. John. The seed was truly sown and the burden of lost souls was felt. We were made to rejoice for the one who accepted the Lord as her Savior.

It was a pleasure to have Sister St. John, Janet and the girls with us. May the Lord richly bless Bro. and Sis. St. John as they continue in the Lord's work.

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to those who came from other congregations to join us in our time of rejoicing. This year we have had visitors from ten different congregations including: Grandview, Missouri; Orion, Ohio; Savage River, Maryland; Lititz, Pennsylvania; Dayton, Virginia; Waynesboro, Pennsylvania; Bethel, Pennsylvania; Ridge, West Virginia; Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania and Pleasant Ridge, Ohio.

Continue to remember our congregation in your prayers. Preachers, you are always welcome and needed. Come when you can.

Sister Louise Sines, Cor.

APPRECIATION

Sister Margaret Marks has been in the Plant City Hospital five days and treated for a light heart attack. She seems to be fully recovered from it and is slowly improving from the condition, a hard stroke left her in some time ago. We wish to thank those who sent us words of comfort and cards and for prayers in our behalf. There is a better life to come for all true Christians who remain true to the end.

Brother J. F. Marks

QUINTER, KANSAS

The Lord willing, the Quinter Congregation plans to hold a Revival Meeting November 7 through 14. Bro. Fred Pifer of Dallas Center, Iowa will be the evangelist. The meetings will close with Lovefeast service November 13. We will have all day services Saturday and Sunday.

We invite all who can to come and enjoy these services with us. Pray for God's blessings and that His will be done.

Sister Judy Foster, Cor.

MINISTERIAL LIST CHANGE

The new address of Elder Dean St. John is R. 1, Box 146, Montpelier, Ohio 43543.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR NOVEMBER, 1982

DESIRES

Memory Verse: Psa. 132:13 & 14
 For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he
 hath desired it for his habitation.
 This is my rest forever: here will I
 dwell; for I have desired it.

Mon. 1 - Psa. 132:1-18

Tues. 2 - Psa. 140:1-13

Wed. 3 - Psa. 145:1-21

Thur. 4 - Prov. 3:1-18

Fri. 5 - Prov. 3:19-35

Sat. 6 - Prov. 8:1-16

Memory Verse: Psa. 140:8
 Grant not, O Lord, the desires of
 the wicked: further not his wicked
 device; lest they exalt themselves.

Sun. 7 - Prov. 8:17-36

Mon. 8 - Prov. 10:1-16

Tues. 9 - Prov. 10:17-32

Wed. 10 - Prov. 11:1-31

Thur. 11 - Prov. 12:1-28

Fri. 12 - Prov. 13:1-25

Sat. 13 - Prov. 18:1-24

Memory Verse: Psa. 145:18 & 19

The Lord is nigh unto all them
 that call upon him, to all that call
 upon him in truth. He will fulfill
 the desire of them that fear him:
 he also will hear their cry, and
 will save them.

Sun. 14 - Prov. 19:1-29

Mon. 15 - Prov. 21:1-31

Tues. 16 - Prov. 23:1-16

Wed. 17 - Prov. 23:17-35

Thur. 18 - Prov. 24:1-16

Fri. 19 - Prov. 24:17-34

Sat. 20 - Ecc. 2:1-26

Memory Verse: I Chron. 16:8-10

Give thanks unto the Lord, call
 upon his name, make known his
 deeds among the people. Sing
 unto him, sing psalms unto him,
 talk ye of all his wonderful works.
 Glory ye in his holy name: let
 the heart of them rejoice that
 seek the Lord.

Sun. 21 - Ecc. 6:1-12

Mon. 22 - Ecc. 12:1-14

Tues. 23 - Isa. 1:1-31

Wed. 24 - Isa. 26:1-21

Thur. 25 - I Chron. 16:7-36

Fri. 26 - Isa. 53:1-12

Sat. 27 - Jer. 17:1-27

Memory Verse: Prov. 8:11

For wisdom is better than rubies;
 and all the things that may be
 desired are not to be compared
 to it.

Sun. 28 - Jer. 22:1-30

Mon. 29 - Jer. 42:1-22

Tues. 30 - Jer. 44:1-30

Memory Verses: Isa. 26:8 & 9

Yea, in the way of thy judgments,
 O Lord, have we waited for thee;
 the desire of our soul is to thy
 name, and to the remembrance
 of thee. With my soul, have I
 desired thee in the might; yea,
 with my spirit within me will I seek
 thee early: for when thy judg-
 ments are in the earth, the
 inhabitants of the world will learn
 righteousness.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

NOVEMBER 1, 1982

NO. 21

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and
Scriptural in practice.

OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all
the world and preach the gospel.

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

LIFE'S WAY THAT'S ROUGH

Sometimes the way of life's so rough
Until we don't know what to do,
Then wonder if we've prayed enough
To keep us humble, good and true.
Therefore we go to God in prayer
And ask for mercy and more grace
And while we're humbly kneeling there
We feel His presence in the place.
He gives us strength for future days
That we may overcome the foe,
And puts within our hearts a praise
Until with love we overflow,
And there resolve that we'll go on
Despite the roughness of the road,
And wait for brighter days to dawn
And we'll lay down life's heavy load.
God doesn't promise feather beds
To give us comfort and sweet rest.
Nor place a crown upon our heads
Nor put us in a cozy nest.
While we sojourn upon the earth
Where men by millions live in sin,
But wants us here to prove our worth
That Heaven's comfort we may win.

Selected by Sister Susanna B. Johns

WEEDS

Weeds! They're everywhere. Even the most meticulous gardener has to put up with them. A great effort is necessary to get rid of them. They harm useful crops through suffocation and starvation. Usually they are unsightly, although some are even more pernicious because of their beauty. They have hampered man's crop production since the time of Adam. With all these things against them, is there nothing good about weeds?

Why did God make weeds? We know it was part of the punishment given mankind because of Adam's sin. But what good is there in weeds. God said His creation was good. What about the weeds?

Each weed has its own peculiar characteristics. A weed apparently grows where the soil is lacking in the nutrient that is within that weed. So when that weed dies and decays it supplies the soil with that nutrient. There is something good about weeds after all. They help replenish the soil's properties so useful crops can be grown.

The Garden of Eden was a perfect place. The soil there would never have worn out or failed. Once sin entered, God knew that men's careless and greedy ways would ruin the soil. He sent the weeds as a punishment yet they also became life-giving to the soil.

The weeds illustrate how God's purposes are not always obvious to us. What appears as evil and worthless and defeating may turn out to be the very thing we need to help us.

The purposes of God are often unintelligible to men. Men's

THE BIBLE MONITOR

NOVEMBER 1, 1982

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor: Apt. 3, 1309 W. Lynne Ave., Anaheim, California 92802

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor: R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063,

HOWARD J. SURBEY, Associate Editor: 749 W. King St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor, 136 Homeland Road, York, Pa. 17403

finite minds can not grasp what He is doing. Circumstances which seem cruel and destructive to men are used by God to bring life and salvation. We find that man's wisdom — the very best that his mind can devise — is foolishness compared to God's wisdom. Even God's foolishness is superior to man's wisdom. So we can readily see that God's purposes are past our finding out.

There is not a one of us who can give God counsel. He does not seek our opinion. We can not teach God so how can we understand His purposes? Would we have devised the plan of salvation as He did? Could we have ordered history as well as He has?

The story of Ruth speaks of God's purposes being fulfilled in ways not readily apparent to us nor to the participants. What looked like a tragedy at the beginning became a story of love and God's purposes being fulfilled. How could a man see the relationship between a sojourner in a foreign land and the coming of the Saviour?

The sorrows of Naomi's heart have eventually led to the joy of multitudes. Her faithfulness in sorrow had a powerful influence upon those around her, especially Ruth. Ruth's determination to be a part of Naomi's people and to worship her God led to God's fulfilled purpose, in allowing her, though a foreigner, to a fleshly ancestor of Jesus. By this we see the importance of the faith and service in individuals even though they can not understand the ultimate purposes of God.

Ends do not justify means, but God can bring good out of sin and mistake. Elimelech and Naomi did not wait on God's provision during the famine but went to Moab. It certainly was against God's teaching for the sons to marry heathen women. Yet out of these circumstances God was able to garner victory. We can not do evil things to bring about good. We do learn however that God can overcome the circumstances that often ruin men. We also learn through Ruth that we dare not ignore, prejudge or persecute any individual or group of people. The very ones we persecute may be the ones God would use to further His purposes.

Those who love God and are called according to His purpose can have a wonderful peace knowing that everything is going to work out. All may not appear so rosy day by day, yet looking back, the steps that God used to bring us to place He wanted us are more evident. Naomi had her sorrows. Ruth had a tough choice to make. Boaz had to approach the kinsman. From the time of Obed's birth they all could look back and see how God's purpose was being fulfilled.

We can look back and see how God has brought His purpose forth in our lives. It is not only His purpose for our individual lives but His overall purpose that is also being fulfilled. We dare

not fight against His means or His ends. Our part is to be true and faithful to what He has revealed to us in His Word. We should be thankful He is working His purpose in our lives.

THE DEMONS' MEETING

Satan held an urgent meeting
with his demons one late night.
He exclaimed, "Christ won another soul!
We must increase our fight!"

This he declared with forceful zeal,
as he glared about the room.
The demons, as of one accord,
began to chant a tune:

"Our army is great and powerful!
We're liars; deceivers of men!
Never tiring, we daily fight on!
We'll battle; we won't give in!"

When the deafening roar had ended,
and the echo died away,
Satan grinned evilly, nodded his head,
then said what he had to say.

"Let's get to business about the soul
Christ won this very hour!
We must discuss this and get ideas
on how to strengthen our power!"

One asked, "Could we win this person back?
This one who chose Christ over us?"
Another one said, "Well, it may be hard,
but try, and try hard, we MUST!"

Presently came a sly, evil voice:
"I may have a plan in mind.

New converts need help until they grow strong —
Let's STOP help of this kind!

"We'll do our work on the STRONG Christians, see?
Or, ALL Christians, with flair!
We'll keep them so busy with their OWN lives,
They'll have no time to spare!

"Then the new Christians will begin to think
the road is too lonely and rough.
He'll think no one cares enough to show love —
Now, is that plan good enough?"

"Excellent! Yes, I believe that may work!

We'll begin when we dismiss.

Let's now think of plans for those still UNSaved —

What's easier than this?"

"It'd be a REAL cinch if it weren't for GOD!"

said a demon, with a tremor.

"Yes God LIMITS us..." "HUSH UP!" Satan cried,

"We STILL must go to war!

"There are many evil souls on earth;

THESE, we've already GOT!

And we'll always keep an eye on them

to keep them in their spot!

"But even more than THAT," Satan growled,

"We want Christ's FOLLOWERS!

This will be tricky; it may be tough,

but we have many lures!"

"Let's tempt them to worship OTHER gods!

Of course, unKNOWingly;

Money, material things, food; such like —

They'll fall for this easily.

"Urge them to keep one foot in the world.

Then, they'll not want to give all!

Say that to give just PART of themselves

is better than none at ALL!"

"People are very busy these days —

That's a big 'thank you' to US!

Folks really COULD have time if they WOULD,

But we won't make a fuss!"

"Oh, here's a good one! Let's tell them to

depend on their emotion!

"If you don't FEEL close, you're NOT close to God."

This'll hinder their devotion!"

"And of course the usual temptations

must continue in our fight —

Pride, jealousy, lust, to name a few,

may block out Jesus' light!"

Just then Satan stood, and all grew still

as he made closing remarks;

"Wonderful suggestions! Very good!

They'll do us for a start!

"Let's begin at ONCE with what's been said!

Let's BATTLE with ardor strong!

We'll strive to win souls away from Christ —
NOW, demons, THE BATTLE'S ON!!"

CHRISTIANS!! There's One who will HELP US FIGHT!
Look UPWARD! Don't lose heart!
Listen! He's something to say to us;
New strength He will impart.

"Dear children, I know of the demons' plans —
I see ALL THINGS, you know.

"PUT ON YOUR ARMOR! TOGETHER WE'LL FIGHT!
SATAN'S A DEFEATED FOE!"

EPHESIANS 6:10-17

Sister Julie Litfin

FRUSTRATION, FRUSTRATION

One night I dreamed I was trying to make a freezer of ice cream. The ice was crushed and the cream mixture was ready to freeze. After pouring it into the freezer can, I discovered that the handle was missing. A search was started, but by the time I found the handle, the ice was nearly melted. More ice had to be crushed and when that was done, I couldn't find the salt. By the time I found the salt, the ice was nearly melted again and the ice cream never did get made.

This was a very frustrating situation, you can be sure. Even though it was only a dream, it is an excellent example of the frustrations which we have in this life. All of us have frustrations to deal with at times. Just as in the dream, the things we set out to do don't always get done. The housework doesn't get finished because the phone interrupts, the lawn doesn't get mowed because it's raining, and the prayers we intended to pray don't get prayed because we are too busy going in circles trying to figure out why nothing is going right.

The baby cries at mealtime and mother can't eat with the family even though she's weary and needs to relax. An urgent need arises and the minister is called away from his study time. Things like this can't be controlled and we must then set aside our plans for the sake of someone else. Other times, our frustrations come from things we can control, such as our daily tasks. The lack of planning or poor planning is the chief cause when things go wrong. The ice cream project was not well-planned and a lot of frustration would have been avoided if all necessary items had been collected first.

It is good to have a set time for the most important activities,

including both spiritual and earthly duties. A rigid schedule isn't necessary, but there must be some organization in your life or the things which ought to be done won't be. Forethought and planning can help you avoid some of life's frustration, which will give you a calmer spirit. When you are filled with frustration, you waste a lot of energy going in circles. God is a God of order and with Him as your Lord, you can have order in your life. That doesn't mean there'll never be any interruptions, but it does mean you'll be better able to cope.

Frustration may occur over an urgent matter or a trivial incident. Whatever the cause, it is self-defeating. The harder we fight in our spirits to accomplish something, the more it eludes us, and stays just out of our grasp. It is like trying to reach the end of the rainbow — our frantic rush towards it just chases it farther away. How then do we deal with frustration? What is its true cause, and cure?

Many times our greatest frustrations come when we demand that someone do things our way, whether that someone is God or another human being. Being demanding and unreasonable creates an enormous amount of frustration. To deal with it, we must recognize its source. The cure can come only when we "let go and let God" take care of it. Frustration comes when we try unsuccessfully to fit others in our mold; the cure comes when we accept others as they are. Frustration comes when someone interrupts us; the cure comes when we stay calm and realize we can continue our activities later.

We are geared to watch the clock and think in terms of how much time we have to do something. Then we get upset when we are delayed a few minutes. We also get upset when someone doesn't conform socially to our standards. The pressures of life can cause us much frustration unless we have a proper attitude. Our attitudes determine how we handle all situations including the frustrating ones. What difference does it make if our work can't be finished today? If the Lord tarries, we can finish it tomorrow, and if He comes for us, it won't matter anyhow. What difference will it make in Eternity if someone eats soup with the wrong spoon, or spills food on the tablecloth?

Sometimes we get very frustrated when we have prayed earnestly and yet no answer comes. We can't understand why God doesn't do something when the need is so urgent, so we get upset. When we must wait, God has a reason as His time isn't always our time. Letting frustration and defeat take over is just wasting our energy because God knows best. When we calm down and get out of His way, then He can do what needs to be done.

When we are frustrated, it means we can't accomplish what we'd like to. No matter how hard we try, things don't go our way. The opposite of such frustration is serenity and peacefulness even when things don't go right. Some people lose control of themselves over a minor incident. Yet God intends for us to be at peace, to have our emotions under control rather than having them control us. Serenity is to be part of a Christian's life regardless of the circumstances. Peace, not frustration and defeat, is to rule in our hearts. "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts." (Col. 3:15) Please read I Cor. 13 and think about the effect love has in our lives. A charitable attitude will cure many of our frustrations with others. Spiritual frustrations are cured by waiting on the Lord and resting in His care.

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." James 3:17. Peace, love, compassion, sincerity and so forth will help chase away frustration and a troubled heart. You can't avoid problems, but with God's wisdom, you can avoid defeat and frustration.

Sister Eileen Broadwater

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"EVOLUTION"

Part 2

God, the creator of all that is, divided the light from the darkness. I believe it was recorded as it was that we might know that it was done in normal twenty-four hour periods of time. We read in Genesis 1:6-7 "And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament, and IT WAS SO." I want you to notice that God placed waters above the atmosphere. This represented what I call the "canopy" which we feel surrounded the earth in the days before the flood and which provided the enormous volumes of water necessary to produce the worldwide deluge. It is worth noting that this is the only creation day about which God did not say "it was good." He said only, "it was so." Since God had foreknowledge of all things and since it was to be the canopy which was to provide the water for the destruction of His creation in the great flood, God could not look upon that portion of His creation with favor, so He declined to say that it was good.

The Bible does not say that moss evolved to fern and the fern to

a tree. Rather, all plants were created simultaneously on the third day of creation and were made to grow upon the dry land that had been separated from the sea on the very same day.

God made two great lights and the stars on the fourth day. Remember, during the time of the canopy there were no changing seasons, but a perfect, uniform climate the year around.

How awesome! God made the stars! The Milky Way alone is 300,000 light years wide. (Remember from your science that a light year is the distance that light travels in one year, moving at a speed of 186,000 miles per second.) The universe had more than a billion galaxies similar to our Milky Way. Therefore this planet is but a speck in space and yet God made the earth for the children of men and He made the stars also.

Water life and birds were created on day five. This is certainly not the order laid down in the evolutionary tree of life. It states that the birds sprang out of the reptilian line millions of years after their ancestors, the amphibians, had crawled out of the ocean.

Day six brought forth all living creatures such as cattle, creeping things and beasts. Again God's own special creation is stressed. Then He created man in His (our) own image. Here is the first literal reference to the plurality of God. Man alone was made in the image of God. He is unique in this respect above all creation. Man alone is capable of communion with his Creator. Only man is capable of abstract thinking and of love. These qualities place him OUTSIDE the animal kingdom where science places him. Contrary to biologic teaching, man is not a mammal. He is a distinct and separate creation of the living God. So, the creative work had come to an end. God had begun the sustaining forces of nature by which all things were held together. The only event which would interrupt this period of conservation was the coming catastrophe known as the flood of Noah.... some 2,000 years later.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission



What Time Is It?

Time to do well! Time to live better.
Give up that grudge, answer that letter.
Speak that kind word to sweeten a sorrow;
Do that kind deed you would leave till tomorrow.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

"HE CAME TO HIS OWN AND HIS OWN RECEIVED HIM NOT!"

Matt. 21:33-46

Jesus taught the people by parables. A parable is an illustration of things that the people were acquainted with. Jesus told them true stories that actually happened to teach them about God and how they would treat His Son. Jesus did nothing but good, yet the rulers were jealous of Him and finally killed Him. Jesus died on the cross but He became alive again and will never die again. He lives eternally and if we live for Him, we can live forever too. One of the parables that Jesus told was like this:

There was a man which planted a vineyard and put a hedge or fence about it to keep the animals out. He built a wine-press in it and built a tower where someone could watch to see that no one would trespass and steal the fruit when it was ripe. It must have been a large vineyard because he rented it out to several farmers. In those times, the ones who took care of a vineyard would get a share of the crop for their work and the owner would also get a part. When the time came for the harvest, the owner sent some servants to get his share of the fruit. The ones who had taken care of the vineyard were wicked men and took the servants and beat one and stoned another and killed another. Then the owner sent more servants than at first and they treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent unto them his son, saying, "They will respect my son."

When the ones who had taken care of the vineyard saw the son, they said among themselves, "This is the heir: Come let us kill him and we will take the vineyard for ourselves." So they caught the son and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Then Jesus asked the people, "When the Lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers who killed his son?" Of course the owner of the vineyard was rich and had soldiers that could take care of the situation.

The people said unto Jesus, "He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto others who will be honest and pay him his share of the fruit in their seasons."

Jesus was telling the rulers of the Jews that they were the wicked husbandmen, or farmers and that the Jewish nation would be destroyed because they had killed the prophets who were sent to them and last of all they had killed God's only Son.

The vineyard is the people of God and the wicked farmers were the rulers and priests that were supposed to do good instead of

evil. They had made the law of God of none effect. The nation of the Jews was destroyed and now people of every nation can be a part of the vineyard. Today, the vineyard is called the Church. Anyone can be a worker for Jesus and He will give you eternal life.

Jesus came to His own and His own received Him not, but as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them who believe on His name. Will you work for Jesus in His Vineyard?

Brother Rudy Cover

THE OPTIMISM OF JESUS

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

By optimism is not meant that jaunty, brainless happy-go-lucky buoyancy which so often calls itself by this pretentious name. If you insist upon defining an optimist as a man who plays only with sunbeams, and who can hear nothing but harmonies, and who is slightly concerned with the world's agonies and tragedies because of his fancy that no matter what he or anyone else does every thing is certain to come out all right, then Jesus was not an optimist. There is a sentimental optimism which is irrational and immoral. It shuts its eyes to all horrible sounds, and insists that in spite of appearances all is well with the world. This sort of optimism faces the future with a confidence born not of courage but of moral indolence. It assumes that there is in the nature of things an irresistible tendency upward, and that irrespective of the conduct of any man or any set of men, all will be well in the end. No such optimism as this is known in the New Testament.

If we have our superficial optimists, we have also our shallow and short-sighted pessimists. There are men who have a genius for seeing shadows. Their ears are keen for discords. They keep their eyes wide open and see in a lurid light the tragedy of the world's life. Its masses of suffering and wretchedness and woe, its sorrows and vices and sins, lie like a great weight upon the mind and the heart until the former is dizzy and the latter is sick. These men listen to the world's sighing and sobbing and agonizing until history seems a hideous nightmare and existence itself a curse. From the grinning optimist and the hysterical pessimist, we can expect little. They have nothing to offer toward the solution of the great world problems.

Jesus is the prince of optimists — His optimism is the optimism of God Himself. The secret of His optimism is that He never doubted. His vision was unclouded. His trust was absolute. To

Him God was an ever-present Father.

Along with unswerving trust in God there went an unshakable confidence in man. Jesus believed in human nature. He saw the possibilities and capacities of the human heart. He saw men's littleness, frailties, vices, sins, but underneath all these He saw a soul created in God's image. The deepest thing in man He saw to be not animalism but Godlikeness. He knew that Zaccheus could repent and that Matthew could become a preacher. He believed that men and women who have fallen all the way to the bottom can climb back again. The indomitable optimist has confidence in you. You have no hope for yourself. He has. You see your weakness, sordidness, vileness; He sees deeper, and seeing deeper He has hope for you. He sees your capacity of God. He knows what you can do when you have come to yourself. He sees deeper also in God. You have no adequate conception of the patience or the mercy of the Infinite Father. He has. You do not know what Infinite Love can accomplish. He does. Because of your transgressions you have lost faith in yourself. He has not. Because you have failed a thousand times you say there is no use trying any more. He says, "Try again!" If you give yourself to Him He will make of you an optimist.

Selected by Brother Don Hostetler

SIXTY YEARS AGO

November 1922

A Letter

Cyrus Walleck

Editor, Bible Monitor:

Dear Brother: When I first saw the name "Bible Monitor" proposed for our new paper I didn't see much in it; but as I have studied it since I have been impressed with its meaning and fitness. Worcester defines monitor as "one who warns or admonishes." I do not find the word in Cueden's Concordance, and don't suppose we will find it in the Bible; but the ideas of warning and admonition are very prominent.

Among the first recorded words that the Lord spake to our first parents in the Garden of Eden were words of warning. After He had forbidden them to eat of a certain tree He gave them this solemn warning: "For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen. 2:17b. O, that they had heeded that warning!

God warned Noah, as we read in Hebrews 11:7a: "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear prepared an ark to the saving of his house." Noah heeded the

warning and he and his family were saved, while the heedless ungodly were destroyed. (See II Pet. 2:5.)

Reading on through the Old Testament we find God repeatedly giving warnings through His prophets and otherwise. And it closes with a warning of the "coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

"For behold the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." Malachi 4:1. Solemn warning!

Coming over into the New Testament, we find John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, calling to repentance and warning of the terrible consequences of neglect to heed the call. (See Matt. 3:2, 10-12)

Much of the Saviour's teaching was words of warning. He warned against false teachers. Matt. 7:15; 24:4, 5, 11, 24. And He warned of the fearful end of the wicked. Matt. 7:13, 19; 8:12; 13:40-42, 49, 50; 25:41, 46; John 5:29 and other passages.

Paul, in his farewell address to the elders of the church of Ephesus, says: "Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years, I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." Acts 20:31.

From this we conclude that warning was a large part of Paul's preaching during his three years ministry at Ephesus. How does that compare with some of our present day preaching? And in his first letter to the Thessolonians he exhorts the brethren to "warn them that are unruly (marg. disorderly)." I Thess. 5:14.

And as to admonition, we read in Ecclesiastes 4:13: "Better is a poor and wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished."

Paul writing to the Roman brethren, expresses his confidence that they were able to admonish one another (Rom. 15:14). In harmony with this we are asked on the church visit if we are willing to take counsel and to give counsel.

And to the Thessolonians he writes: "And we beseech you brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you." I Thess. 5:12.

To Titus, he says: "A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition, reject." Titus 3:10.

Other scriptures might be cited; I quote just this one more: "Now all these things (referred to in preceding verses) happened unto them for examples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." I Cor. 10:11.

Worcester, in his dictionary, traces the words monitor and admonition to the same Latin root, and gives as synonyms of admonish the words advise, counsel, warn and reprove. Is there any need at this time of a Monitor, of an organ for warning and admonition? I surely think there is. And is there any less need of warning and admonition now than there was in the days of Christ and the apostles? I surely think not. I have heard members say, speaking of such a paper: "Oh, what's the use? They won't listen." To such I would say: Read Ezekiel 2:5, 7; 3:11, 27; and other passages.

And so, in view of present conditions, I think the Monitor is timely; and that the name is significant and appropriate. And may it be true to name, a Bible Monitor, giving warnings and admonitions in harmony with the only infallible standard the Holy Bible.

Selected

LIFE'S ROAD

We learn many lessons
As each day goes by —
There are songs to sing
And a few tears to cry.
There are blessings to count,
In things that we do.
There are cups that run over
And years that are lean.
With bright days and dark days
And long nights between.
But one choice we can make,
As we carry life's load —
If we look toward the Sun
How it brightens the road.

Selected by Sister Martha Shaffer

NEWS ITEMS

SAD NEWS

While this issue of the Bible Monitor was being prepared, word was received of the sudden death of Elder Howard J. Surbey. Bro. Surbey's service in many capacities in the Church have been long appreciated, especially his lengthy service as Editor of the Bible Monitor.

PLEASANT RIDGE, OHIO

The Pleasant Ridge Congregation plans, the Lord willing, to have preaching Thanksgiving evening, November 25 and Friday evening, November 26. Lovefeast services begin Saturday morning, November 27 at 11 o'clock. Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Lovefeast Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Services on Sunday. Come and enjoy these services with us.

Sister Ruth Kleinhen, Cor.

OBITUARY

IRVIN CARPENTER

Bro. Irvin Lloyd Carpenter, oldest child of Jay and Florence (Replogle) Carpenter, was born July 14, 1914, in Beaverton, Michigan, and departed this life September 14, 1982, in the Bixby Hospital, Adrian, Michigan, at the age of 68 years, 2 months.

Irvin's early life was spent near Reading, Michigan and the last forty years he resided near Adrian, Michigan.

As a young man he accepted Christ as his Saviour through baptism and became a member of the Pleasant Ridge Dunkard Brethren Church near Montpelier, Ohio. For a number of years he had withdrawn his membership from the Church, but during one of his recent hospital stays he called for the officials to visit and after full acknowledgement of his error, asking forgiveness of the Church, and promising to live thenceforth faithfully to his vows, he was restored to his membership. The peace that Bro. Irvin enjoyed following this was noticed by those he came in contact with. The week before his passing he called for the anointing service, which was administered.

He worked at Martin-Marietta for a number of years, but due to declining health, retired in May, 1974.

Survivors include a lifelong friend, Bertha Pfoust of Adrian, two sons, Lawrence of Tecumseh, Michigan and Morris of Onsted, Michigan, two daughters, Mrs. Duane (Phyllis) Anderson, of Britton, Michigan and Mrs. James (Hilda) Ripley, of Onsted, Michigan, twelve grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, three brothers, William of Morenci, Michigan; John of West Unity, Ohio; David of Arvada, Colorado, and one sister, Genevieve Younglove of Britton, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one grand-daughter and a sister in infancy.

Funeral services were conducted from the Dunmore Funeral Chapel, Adrian, Michigan on Friday, September 17, at 1:00 p.m. by Elder Harley Flory, assisted by Elder Roy Swihart. Interment was in Lenawee Hills Memorial Park, Tecumseh, Michigan.

DIRECTORY OF BOARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dale E. Jamison, Chairman
Quinter, Kansas 67752
Ray R. Reed, Secretary
Box 12, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063
Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Joseph E. Flora, Chairman
R. 3 Box 12, Adel, Iowa 50003
Hayes Reed, Secretary
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355
William Carpenter, Treasurer
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256
Harley Rush
R. 1, Converse, Indiana 46919
Galen Litfin
1314 East 7th St.
Newberg, Oregon 97132
Dale Jamison
Quinter, Kansas 67752
Jacob C. Ness
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403
Frank Shaffer
13062 Grant Shook Rd.
Greencastle, PA 17225

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Howard J. Surbey, Chairman
749 W. King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
Jacob C. Ness, Secretary
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403
H. Edward Johnson, Treasurer
5-1307-S.H. 108
Wauseon, Ohio 43567
Dean St. John
1040 Hillsdale Road, R. 1
Camden, Michigan 49232
Warren C. Smith
McClave, Colorado 81057

BIBLE STUDY BOARD

William Carpenter, Chairman
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Eugene Kauffman, Secretary
R. 6, Box 51
Harrisburg, Virginia 22801
Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057
Rudolph Cover
2034 Roble Ave.
Modesto, CA 95351
Dennis St. John
Rt. 1
Bryan, Ohio 43506

RELIEF BOARD

Boyd Wyatt, Chairman
4925 Tegner Rd.
Hughson, CA 95326
209-883-4138
Newton Jamison, Secretary
512 Garfield
Quinter, Kansas 67752
913-754-3433
Kyle Reed, Treasurer
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
515-677-2467
Virgil Leatherman
419 N. Queen St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-5753
Robert Carpenter
R. 5, Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

TORREON NAVAJO MISSION

David Skiles, Superintendent
R. 2 Box 8
Cuba, New Mexico 87013
Hayes Reed, Chairman
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355
Kyle Reed, Secretary
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
Newton Jamison, Treasurer
Quinter, Kansas 67752
Harley Flory
R. 4, Defiance, Ohio 43512

All contributions to the various Boards should be made out to the Treasury, but sent to the Secretary for his records.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

NOVEMBER 15, 1982

NO. 22

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

THANKSGIVING TIME

Anonymous

Lord God, we give Thee thanks this day,
Humbly in our simple way,
For all the gracious gifts which Thou
Hast deigned so richly to endow —
For life — for every passing minute —
For this, Thy world, and all things in it!
We give Thee thanks, dear Lord, for these —
The green beneficence of trees,
The kindness of rain, the birth
Of springtime from a barren earth —
The earth that bears the bread we break
In gratitude for Thy sweet sake
We thank Thee, Lord, for healing song,
For courage, wise and tall and strong;
For all the laughter and the tears
That mold the pattern of our years;
For truth and trust and constancy,
For faith that lets us lean on Thee!
We give Thee thanks for ears to hear,
For feet to tread Thy pathway here,
For hands to touch, and lips to sing
Thy name in every lovely thing —
For friendship with our fellow men —
But mostly for Thy love.

- Selected by Sister Sarah L. Musselman

"THANK YOU"

As Thanksgiving approaches we are made to think of all we should be thankful for. While our thankfulness should not be limited to one day or one season, this time does give us an opportunity to think of these blessings. When the busyness of Summer and Fall have passed and before the confining weather of Winter comes, we have a convenient time to think about what we have received the past year.

It is not only to God to whom we owe a "thank you" but to others who have helped us on our journey. "Thank you," is often glibly spoken and does not carry the message intended. Although "thank you" may be abused, we should never be so impolite as to not use it. We would hope that "thank you" has more meaning than just a social convention.

"Thank you" may at times be hard to utter because it is a blow at our self-sufficiency. By saying, "thank you" we acknowledge our need of help from another. Whether it were an object or aid that we needed, it represented something we were unable to do for ourselves. If we allow pride to enter our life we may become unthankful, either because we feel self-sufficient and do not need the help of others or because we do not wish to acknowledge the help of others, which injures our self-sufficient image of ourselves. Yet, it would be a rare day in which we do not receive help from others. Are we thankful for this help? We should be. Most of these things are of a material or physical nature, so it is easier to be thankful for them since we see and handle them. If we are thankful for material gifts then what debt of thankfulness do we owe God?

God's gifts are so great and so varied, even the gifts others share with us are ultimately from Him. While we recognize that

THE BIBLE MONITOR**NOVEMBER 15, 1982**

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor; 1138 East 12th St., Beaumont, CA 92223

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor; R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor; 136 Homeland Road, York, PA 17403

God does give us physical gifts, we are often unthankful because many of His gifts are not visible. We tend to forget the physical things we possess in common with others. The beauties of nature are available for all to enjoy. Some even worship nature more than nature's Creator, but how many are thankful? It is good to observe natural beauty in a world, man has increasingly polluted and destroyed. Despite man's devices and programs, the sun still rises and sets according to God's timeclock. We can be thankful for this orderliness in God's creation. These are a few of the things, we seldom express our thankfulness for.

These items represent physical things, although ones, others can not give us. God's special gift of His Son represents a gift that could be given by no other. Spiritual gifts come from Him. While we enjoy the temporal blessings that He bestows upon us, they are but for this lifetime. The Spiritual blessings He gives us are for eternity. Are we as thankful for them as we should be? The answer must ever be that we can never be thankful enough for them.

When we consider the price He was willing to pay for our salvation, how could we ever be thankful enough? What could we look forward to, without the undeserved sacrifice of Jesus for our sins? Yet how unthankful are even Christians for these things. We would expect the unbelieving world around us to be unthankful, but Christians have so much to be thankful for.

We must also be thankful for His sustaining Grace, which may be supplied to us varying ways, either through His direct aid or through the indirect aid of other Christians. When we see a callous, uncaring world around us we should be thankful for the Family of God. The Church should be our greatest source of fellowship and friendship. While we should certainly choose to do good and to be friendly with all we meet, still our dearest friendships should be within the Church. For His Family, we must be thankful.

We could never name all for which we should be thankful. That is how great our God is and how unselfishly He shares with us. This Thanksgiving season, and every day, we should be thankful for these things and more. Thanksgiving should be much more to us than a vacation, a feast or time for fun. It should be a time of recounting the blessings of our Eternal God.

The Editor's new address is:
Milton Cook, 1138 East 12th Street
Beaumont, California 92223

GEMS FOR THANKSGIVING

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all under-

standing, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:6-7. Don't worry about anything. Just commit it to God with thankfulness, and peace will reign in your heart. When you are free of worry and your heart is thankful, it will make your whole life go better.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19. It is a joy to know that God will supply all our needs and to have the assurance that come what may, we'll be taken care of. But the greatest joy comes when we realize He will supply, not according to the measure of our needs, but according to the measure of His riches. Be thankful that God sees your need and will supply much more than you can ask or think.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. 2:9. There is no way that we can comprehend what Heaven will be like. The Bible talks about it, some descriptions are given, but it is still beyond our comprehension. We think in terms of what we know here and there is no comparison. This blessing, like all others, has a condition which must be met. God is preparing Heaven for those who love Him, not for everyone. Let us be thankful that He loved us first and provided salvation and terms where our love for Him can be accepted.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now." Phil. 1:3-5. Every time Paul thought of his Christian friends, he thanked God for them. He especially appreciated their times of fellowship and he had a great longing to be with them again (see verse 8). Do you appreciate your Christian friends and the fellowship you have with them? You should be thanking God for friendship which is not superficial.

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thess. 5:18. Are you well and enjoying life? Thank God! Are you blessed with a good family and many friends? Thank God! Are you able to give alot in the Lord's work, whether it's financial help or personal service? Thank God! Is your heart burdened with troubles and heartaches? Are you nearly overwhelmed with sorrow? Thank God! Whatever situation you are in, you ought to approach God with thankfulness. Things may be good or they may be very bad, but God is still with you. He still loves you and will take care of you, so thank Him.

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." II Cor. 9:15. God's gift to us is salvation through faith in Christ. If you can't think of anything else to be thankful for, you ought to be thankful for Christ. Through Him, we are saved and blessed. Through Him, we have access to the throne of grace. Because of Him, we have

peace, joy, and comfort in the Holy Spirit. After receiving Christ into our hearts, He becomes our intercessor before God. We owe our entire being to God, so let's thank Him for loving us.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Psa. 100:4. Whenever or wherever you come before the Lord, you should come with a thankful heart. You may be in great distress, but you can still be thankful for God's care. You can be thankful that He will not allow you to be overwhelmed by Satan, for you will not be tempted above what you can bear. There is no reason to be unthankful and every reason to be thankful. Consider this when you enter into worship.

There are many reasons to thank God, to show by your life that you appreciate Him. I've named a few and you probably can name others. Let this Thanksgiving season be a special time of thankfulness in your life, and continue serving God with a grateful heart in the days to come. True thanksgiving lasts all year long.

Sister Eileen Broadwater

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"EVOLUTION"

Part 3

Let's talk a little about God's greenhouse in this issue. The earth's atmosphere extends upward some 300 miles from its surface. The troposphere contains the air we breathe and this is the weather layer. Then comes the stratosphere and finally the ionosphere, reaching an altitude of 300 miles and having a temperature of plus 2000 degrees, Fahrenheit.

The uniform climate was caused in part, as previously discussed, by the canopy surrounding the earth. The first and most obvious benefit from the greenhouse effect was the uniform climate throughout the earth. No weather as we know it preceded the flood because the first reference to weather comes in Genesis 8:22 at the time of the disembarkment of the ark. Noah had been warned by God of things not yet seen. This was rain and weather. If we accept the Biblical account of the flood, and that is a significant part of the creationist doctrine, then we have to account for the tremendous volume of water necessary to cover the highest mountain range. Today, if all the moisture in the atmosphere would suddenly precipitate and fall to the earth, it would only form a layer two inches deep covering the face of the planet. Therefore, one has to believe that prior to the flood in Genesis, there was the great mass of water suspended in the sky, transparent enough to allow the sunlight through and to allow man to view the stars. Can we find archaeological evidence of this? Sure! Fossils of tropical plants and animals have been found in polar regions. This wasn't

caused by the scientists "continental drift." In fact, that theory is much more speculative and unbelievable than that of a world-enveloping canopy of water which allowed tropical life to thrive right there on the antarctic continent.

Another bit of Biblical truth that has been hard for even some students of scripture to accept is the tremendous ages of the people mentioned in Genesis 5. Remember that Adam, Seth, Noah, and Methuselah all lived to be over 900 years of age. You must understand that prior to the flood, man's environment was anything but hostile. His climate was totally comfortable and conducive to good health. The air was unpolluted by all the mechanical trash and he lived in harmony with the animals. Another part of man's environment which is responsible for shortening lives is radiation. It is a well known fact that 99.9% of all mutations are harmful. However, the pre-flood world population would not have been exposed to either the damaging effects of ultraviolet rays or the mutation causing effects of the cosmic and x-rays because of the protective shield of the canopy. It was also not until after the flood that man's diet started to include animal fat. Soon after that, we see rapidly decreasing life spans. Within as few as ten generations, life expectancy had dropped to 148 years in the grandfather of Abraham. Then we see Shem, Noah's son - 600 years; his grandson - Salah 433 years; and Nahor, his son, 148 years old... all down from 900!

I want to mathematically examine the improbability of life coming about by chance, but first let's look at what would have happened if the first cell ever did come into existence by mere chance. First of all, it would have to have been endowed with a very complex system for utilizing oxygen. Such a system is known as the "cytochrome oxidase system." If the first cell had not had this system, oxygen in the environment would have been lethal to it. So, we might just theorize an early environment devoid of free oxygen! However, that wouldn't have worked either. Without oxygen, there would have been no ozone which is oxygen that has been acted upon by cosmic rays. And, without that protective layer of ozone at thirty miles above the earth, anything living would have been burned to death. If oxygen had been present, the theory is not logical; and if it had been absent, it is totally unsupportable. (Read our next article to see the solution to this problem.)

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

THE WEDDING GARMENT

Matt. 22:1-14

Did you ever go to a wedding? If you have, did you wear your

old, dirty clothes or did you wear the best you had? It is an honor to be invited to a wedding and we don't want the ones who invited us to be ashamed of us, do we? We will try to look and act our very best.

Jesus said, The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding dinner for his son. Many guests were invited and when all was ready the king sent forth his servants to tell the ones who were invited to come to the wedding but they would not. Once more he sent other servants to tell those who were invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted beasts are killed and everything is ready; come unto the marriage."

But the guests who were invited made light of it — probably laughed and went about their business — one to his farm — another to his merchandise. The rest took the king's servants and treated them spitefully and killed them. They had no respect for the one who had done so much to prepare a wedding banquet for his son. Can you imagine people acting like that? People today aren't much different. So many do not seem to care that God has done so much for them!

You can imagine how the king felt when he heard of it. He was furious and sent forth his armies and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

The king said to the servants, "The wedding is ready but those who were invited were not worthy. Go, therefore, into the highways and as many as you shall find invite to the marriage." The servants did as they were told and gathered together as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

In those days the kings would even furnish the clothes for anyone who came into their presence so we may presume that the clothes for the wedding were furnished. Then everyone, especially the class of people who had been gathered from the highways, would be properly attired.

When the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment. The king said to him, "Friend how did you come in here without a wedding garment?" The man had no excuse and he was speechless. Then the king said to his servants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Jesus said, "For many are called but few are chosen."

Jesus is our righteousness and we should keep Him around us all the time — like the clothes we wear. There will be a wedding supper in Heaven sometime and we all want to be there but we must be sure to have on a wedding garment. The bridegroom is Jesus and the Church, the people of God, is the bride. "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints." Rev.

19:8. You can have a wedding garment if you love Jesus and do what He says.

Brother Rudy Cover

SIMPLICITY — IS IT SCRIPTURAL?

The Oakville meeting house was reverently being filled with the local congregation as well as many visitors from the various churches within about a fifty-mile radius. Being the first night of a week of revival, all seemed ready to be filled with the messages they were anticipating.

Sue and her husband found seats in the back of the auditorium a few minutes before starting time. They, too, were visitors at Oakville.

Brother Paul arose and, through the Holy Spirit, began feeding his audience with a soul-searching message. He seemed to have the undivided attention of those gathered in.

Sue was also an attentive listener until the blond, curly-haired little girl on the bench in front of her turned around and stood up. Sue knew the little girl and her parents well, but since they did not fellowship with the same congregation, she rarely saw the family dressed for church services. But this evening the two contrasting pieces of material, the frills, and rickrack on the little girl's dress took her eye. It seemed the dress could hardly have more extras on it — it was accented from the top to the bottom. Then looking at the mother, she saw a woman wearing a fair-sized covering and a plain cape dress — one without any extras on it. Sue's eyes again shifted back to the innocent three-year old. With an effort, Sue's attention was taken from the dolled-up little girl in front of her back to the minister's message.

Services were closed for the evening, but the days following, the dress Lora's little girl had on came back to Sue's memory a number of times along with many questions. Wasn't Lora convinced that the simple dresses she wore herself were Scriptural? Did she only leave the extras off because the church required that of the members? If parents believed simplicity was Scriptural, then why would they desire to see their children adorned otherwise? Can one foresee a godly young daughter in the future behind all the frills? Aren't parents a stumbling block to the world looking on by this inconsistency? How can one expect others to believe their testimony of the desires of the flesh being crucified, when they are fulfilling their desires of adornment on their little ones?

Sue had always stood with her husband in the stand he took against outward adornment since the first child had arrived in their home. Together they had decided, by God's help, to lay this groundwork for their children's spiritual safety in later years. Sue knew the argument of many when approached concerning this

subject — "But we don't dress them in plain clothes until they receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour." Sue had to wonder just how that statement justified the extras on their daughter's dresses. Certainly our little girls are dressed somewhat different from their mothers. Little girls do not need a cape dress — it is the modest dress of an adult woman. A proper length dress and sleeve is adequate for modesty on them. The covering is not worn — it is a Christian woman's veiling. They do not practice the ordinances that the members of the church do, such as the Holy Kiss, Baptism, Communion, and so forth, although we would endeavor to teach our children about these ordinances so that they, too, would embrace them as believers later in life. But then there are things we teach our children by having them practice or not practice them even in childhood. We teach them honesty and do not tolerate dishonesty. Stubbornness, rebellion, stealing, unkindness, evil speaking, and so forth, all are taught against and not permitted to grow in their lives. But what about simplicity? Is that an ordinance, like Communion, that only the believer takes part in? Certainly not. Does not God's Word teach simplicity in all areas of the Christian's life, including dress? And what better way is there to teach our children than to practice it? Only on ourselves? How are mothers going to convince their daughters that the Bible teaches simplicity while they sit at the sewing machine dressing up their daughters' dresses? How do we teach them sobriety and meekness while we endeavor to make their dresses outstanding by adding ribbons, lace, ruffles, unnecessary buttons, contrasting material and so forth?

Thoughts and questions kept rolling through Sue's mind, but then her thoughts went to her home congregation. Many mothers there did the same thing Lora was doing. In fact, it seemed to Sue that many felt the Bible did not teach against this type of thing. It was not an issue of right or wrong in their minds.

Once again Sue and her husband decided to go over the list they had composed earlier on Biblical teachings concerning our attire. Was she wrong — was she being disturbed about something God had no concern about? Was the church requiring something of the membership that God did not? "No," her husband assured her. "God has given us plain teaching in His Word. We will not restudy to find new answers, but to renew in our minds what we have already found in God's Word."

The Lord was once again faithful in speaking through His Word. Together, Sue and her husband read, "Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, ... in vain shalt thou make thyself fair." Jeremiah 4:30; "... for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintest thy eyes, and deckest thyself with ornaments." Ezekiel 23:40; "Ye are a stiffnecked people... therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee." Exodus

33:5; "In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments..." (a list of extras follows). Isaiah 3:18-23. Sue noticed that each of these Old Testament scriptures used the word ornament. Even though she thought she knew what the word meant she decided to double check. She found various definitions, but each carried the thought of an ornament being something that adorns or, as one reference gave it, "to try to make prettier by adding decorations."

The list also contained New Testament verses which supported that which the Old Testament taught. I Timothy 2:9 read, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." The next reference was I Peter 3:3-4, "Who's adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel (the extras, the unnecessary); but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." They stopped reading. The list contained many more Old and New Testament references but those two verses in I Peter 3 just summed up the entire study.

"We will continue to uphold the principles taught here, in our home," Sue's husband stated.

O Lord, help me never to doubt, Sue's heart cried out. Certainly Thy Word is plain as to what You are looking for in us — not the adorning (the ornament, the making pretty) of the outside, but rather the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. Sue felt in her heart a deep sense of gratitude for the faithful husband God had given her, and for the Scriptural principles he had established in their home.

Then what about the little ones that You entrusted to us? was Sue's next thought. Ephesians 6:4 flashed through her mind, "But bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Certainly a child does need much instruction and correction, she thought. Proverbs 22:15 says that "foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." Sue's thoughts then went to the words of the psalmist in chapter 78:4-8, "We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done ...That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the words of God, but keep his commandments." Another of Sue's favorites in relation to children was Deuteronomy 6:5-9. As she read these verses she made them personal. "And these words, which YOU command ME this day, shall be in MY heart: and I shall teach them diligently unto OUR children."

"Yes, Lord, we shall," Sue and her husband responded together.

How foolish to question. Why would the Lord give us so much instruction concerning breaking our children's evil desires and teaching them truths, and at the same time be pleased to see us cater to have them changed at conversion. Even if they would comply then, will they comply to Bible standards because of conviction or only because the church has outlined this standard for them?

Sue looked at the four children the Lord has blessed her and her husband with. She was thankful for a husband who prompted simplicity, and even though Sue had no intentions of working against his convictions, this study of God's Word strengthened her own convictions. Their oldest child was only nine, and thus none of their children were accountable for their own lives; rather, God was holding Sue and her husband accountable for that which was taught or promoted in any way to their children. Indeed, that was a sobering thought.

"Lord, help us never to practice or permit any inconsistency that would bring doubt to our children's minds," was their sincere prayer."

Selected from Christian Example

I chose this article because I feel it is a necessary part of our part as Christian parents to do all we can to keep our children's minds (whether boy or girl) pure. Please take it to heart. There is much clean up work that we as a Christian people must do; not only these little ones, but the older ones as well.

Just remember, "to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

In God's love,
Sister Shirley Frick

THE FIRMNESS OF JESUS

"But he turned, and said unto Peter, get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." Matthew 16:23.

Let us think for a while of the firmness of Jesus. Of His tenderness we think often and also of His gentleness and graciousness. To these lovely graces the heart is joyfully responsive, and in dwelling upon them we are likely to overlook other traits no less beautiful and praiseworthy. Gentleness of nature is not a virtue but a defect unless it is accompanied by tenacity of will. Sweetness of disposition is not enough to make useful and noble. Along with the sweetness there must go strength and underneath moods soft as velvet there must lie resoluteness hard as steel.

The weakness of men under the play of social forces is one of the outstanding tragedies of history. To build a will strong

enough to resist and control these forces is the central and crucial task of education. It is an ancient adage that evil companions corrupt good morals. He is indeed a strong character who dares run counter to the traditions and fashions of the world in which he moves. Even the strongest and most independent often bow down before standards against which conscience revolts and submit to customs against which the heart protests.

But when we come to Jesus of Nazareth we are in the presence of a man whom nobody swerved or dominated, who is so free from the bias of His race and so clean of the spirit of His age that He seems to belong to all races and all ages. Immersed in an ocean of mighty forces which beat upon Him furiously through every hour of His life He resisted them all successfully by the indomitable energy of a victorious will, living a life unique in its beauty and achieving a work unmarred by the limitations either of time or place.

His nation was looking for a King but in choosing the road which led to supremacy by way of Gethsemane and Golgotha, He renounced the ideals of His countrymen and disappointed their dearest expectations, but so firm was He that hosts of hell speaking through God's chosen people could not move Him from His place. The nation hurled itself with frantic force against Him, but He did not budge. He was the Rock of Ages.

Jesus stands like a rock in the midst of a troubled sea, and all its billows dash themselves against His feet in vain. There was something inflexible in His will, something granitic in His soul. When He found a man whom He thought worthy to be the first member of His church He called him "rock." Are we to infer from this that it is the rock-like quality which is indispensable in the building of an institution which shall endure. It is certain that Jesus loved stability in others, and what He loved in others He had superabundantly in Himself. Firm Himself, He loved men who could not be moved. Unconquerable Himself, He intrusted His Gospel to men who would endure and never flinch. Men who having put their hand to the plough looked back were not men He could make use of in the saving of a world. Men who started to build a tower and then gave up the undertaking were only objects of mirth and mockery. Salvation could not be offered to anyone who did not endure to the end.

It is in this tenacity of will that we find an indispensable element of Christian character. Men are to resist exterior forces and form their life from within. They are not to be swayed by current opinion, but by the spirit of the Eternal in their heart. They are not to listen to the voices of time, but to live and work for eternity. We like this steadfastness in human character, and we also crave it in God. Men have always loved to think of Him as the unchanging and the unchangeable, the one "with whom can be no variation,

neither shadow that is cast by turning." And what we desire in God we find in Jesus of Nazareth. He also is unchanging and unchangeable. A writer of the first century encourages the hearts of his readers by reminding them that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today yea and forever." Jesus never called Himself the Rock, but the Christian heart soon gave Him that appellation, and few hymns have proved so popular in the English-speaking world as:

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me!
Let me hide myself in thee."

Selected by Brother Don Hostetler

MARRIAGE

NOECKER-WESNER

Sis. Brenda L. Noecker, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Daniel Noecker of Bethel, Pennsylvania and Bro. Robert J. Wesner, son of Mrs. Moses Noecker and the late Robert E. Wesner, of Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania were united in Holy Matrimony, May 22, 1982 at the Frytown Dunkard Brethren Church by Elder David Ebling. Their new address is: Box 185 R.D. 1, Auburn, Pennsylvania 17922.

OBITUARY

HOWARD SURBEY

Bro. Howard James Surbey was born near North Canton, Ohio on July 14, 1910. He was the son of Charles and Minnie (Young) Surbey.

At the age of fifteen, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He was baptized and united with the West Nemishillen Church of the Brethren. He became a charter member of the Orion Dunkard Brethren Church, where he was elected to the ministry in 1934 at the age of twenty-four years. He faithfully served in that capacity all his life.

On November 29, 1936, Howard was united in marriage to Grace O'Brien of Antioch, West Virginia. They made their home at North Canton, Ohio, where their three daughters, Dorothy Rice and Maryann Whitmore of Frederick, Maryland and Carolyn Kauffman of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania were born.

The early half of his life was spent near North Canton, Ohio where he faithfully served his Lord and raised his family. He became an ordained elder in the Orion Congregation. In July of 1953, Howard and his family moved to the Walnut Grove Congregation, where he was active until his death.

His great love for his Lord and the work of the Church always took precedence in his life. He was editor of The Bible Monitor for many years. He was wholeheartedly engaged in the completion of The Brethren Encyclopedia at the time of his death.

Bro. Howard was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Besides his wife and daughters he leaves five grandsons, two granddaughters, and one great-grandson.

He greatly enjoyed helping others. He was mowing the lawn for an old brother when he slipped away to be with the Lord on October 14, 1982.

Funeral services were held at the Little's Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 17 with Elder Eugene Kauffman in charge. He was assisted by Elder Jacob Ness and Elder James Kegerreis. Interment was in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

SAFELY HOME

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;

Oh, so happy and so bright!

There is perfect joy and beauty

In this everlasting light.

Did you wonder I so calmly

Trod the valley of the shade?

Oh! but Jesus' love illumined

Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me

In that way so hard to tread;

And with Jesus' arm to lean on,

Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,

For I love you dearly still;

Try to look beyond earth's shadows,

Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,

So you must not idly stand;

Do it now, while life remaineth -

You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,

He will gently call you Home;

Oh, the rapture of that meeting,

Oh, the joy to see you come!

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbors for their prayers, gifts and love during this time of bereavement.

NEWS ITEMS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Editor is moving! Effective immediately send all articles, news items, subscriptions or other communications to Bro. Milton Cook at 1138 East 12th Street, Beaumont, California 92223. Thank you.

MINISTERIAL LIST CHANGES

The new address of Elder William E. Bashor is 1524 Gary Lane, Modesto, California 95355.

The new address of Bro. Milton Cook is 1138 East 12th Street, Beaumont, California 92223. The telephone number is (714) 845-6231.

ENGLEWOOD, OHIO

The Englewood Congregation was privileged once again to have Revival Meetings the 5th through the 19th of September. Bro. Dennis St. John brought many inspiring and soul searching messages from night to night. One convert stood for Christ. We were glad to have Sis. Donna and girls with us through the last week of the meetings. We pray that God will continually bless and give Bro. Dennis strength to preach God's Word of truth wherever he goes.

On October 23 we had our Fall Lovefeast with forty-nine surrounding the tables in the evening. Visiting ministers were: Bro. David Ebling, Bro. Edward Johnson, Bro. Harley Rush and Bro. Dean St. John. We are always glad for visitors to come and worship with us.

Sister Shirley Frick, Cor.

LITITZ, PENNSYLVANIA

The Lord has once again blessed us with a beautiful Fall day for our Lovefeast. We thank the visiting ministers James Kegerreis, Jacob Ness, Frank Shaffer, Ronald Marks and David Kegerreis for their part in the services. There were about 130 around the tables in the evening with Bro. David Kegerreis officiating.

We can not thank the Lord enough for these mountain top experiences. May we all strive to have a closer walk with Him who died for us.

Sister Dorcas Myers, Cor.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 1982

DESIRES

Memory Verse: Hos. 6:6

For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Wed. 1 - Eze. 24:1-27

Thur. 2 - Dan. 2:1-24

Fri. 3 - Dan. 2:25-49

Sat. 4 - Hos. 6:1-11

Memory Verse: Hos. 10:10

It is my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.

Sun. 5 - Hos. 10:1-15

Mon. 6 - Amos 5:1-27

Tues. 7 - Mic. 7:1-20

Wed. 8 - Hab. 2:1-20

Thur. 9 - Zeph. 2:1-15

Fri. 10 - Hag. 2:1-23

Sat. 11 - Matt. 13:1-23

Memory Verse: Matt. 13:17

For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Sun. 12 - Matt. 16:1-20

Mon. 13 - Matt. 18:1-20

Tues. 14 - Matt. 18:21-35

Wed. 15 - Matt. 20:1-16

Thur. 16 - Matt. 20:17-34

Fri. 17 - Mark 9:1-29

Sat. 18 - Mark 9:30-50

Memory Verse: Matt. 1:21

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Sun. 19 - Mark 10:35-52

Mon. 20 - Mark 11:12-33

Tues. 21 - Mark 15:1-26

Wed. 22 - Mark 15:27-47

Thur. 23 - Luke 5:27-39

Fri. 24 - Luke 7:29-50

Sat. 25 - Matt. 1:18-25

Memory Verse: Mark 9:35

And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

Sun. 26 - Luke 9:1-26

Mon. 27 - Luke 10:1-24

Tues. 28 - Luke 10:25-42

Wed. 29 - Luke 14:1-35

Thur. 30 - Luke 16:1-31

Fri. 31 - Luke 17:20-37

Memory Verses: Mark 11:24

Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Luke 17:22

And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

DECEMBER 1, 1982

NO. 23

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

STICK TO IT

God didn't put me on this earth
To have an easy time;
He put me here to fight a fight,
To hold a battle line.
He put me here to help the weak
And help myself grow strong;
He put me here to lend a hand
And help the world along
He put me here to say a word
Of encouragement and cheer;
He put me here to sing a song
For someone else to hear.
He didn't put me here to whine,
Stick out my lips and pout;
He put me here to work
And Satan's evil rout.
He only asks that I do my best
To carry out His plan,
Forget rewards and starry crowns,
And leave all in His hands.

Selected by Brother W. E. Bashor

PLEASING GOD

As we think of the weightier issues of life, a question may cross our minds concerning why God created man. God created the world and set all its systems into motion, then He created man. The systems of the world have continued to function as God intended. It was only a short time after his creation that man began to rebel against God. If rebellion was a possibility due to the power of choice that God created within man, why did He put man on this earth?

God's plan for man was that man could choose to please God, if he would. While the animals and other forms of life have continued to do just as God created them to do, this obedience did not bring pleasure to God because it was only instinctive, there was no thought or intent on the part of the animals. They were only doing what came naturally. Because man is a thinking creature and has the power of choice, when he chooses to please God, it is a distinct pleasure to God. That was the reason for man's creation in the first place. So many have failed to fulfill that desire of God, but when one does make that decided choice it brings particular pleasure to God.

All things were created for His pleasure, but this is not just a past obligation of the created to the Creator. It is also a present requirement. Because He is the Creator, He is worthy of all the praise and honor that men can give to Him.

Pleasing God is not accomplished merely by praising His name. There are more definite requirements. Hebrews 11:6 tells us that we must have faith in order to please Him. Without faith there is no possibility of fulfilling the duty of pleasing God. We could hardly please someone if we did not believe that person existed. So we must believe that God exists and that He does and will do

THE BIBLE MONITOR**DECEMBER 1, 1982**

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor; 1138 East 12th St., Beaumont, CA 92223

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor; R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor; 136 Homeland Road, York, PA 17403

according to the Word He has given us. If we do not believe that He will do as promised, then we have no faith in Him and no way to please Him. We especially must believe what He has prepared for His own in the future. If we do not believe in everlasting life or mansions or Heaven, there is no way we can secure them for ourselves. Our lack of faith will make it impossible for us to please Him which is our fundamental duty.

Does our belief in God and the sanctity of His promises have any effect on our living? Since the object of our lives is to please God, then it is consistent for us to want to please Him not only in our mental attitude but also in our practical living. Our faith in God must be translated into a practical faith that controls our lives day by day. God through His Word has delivered to us such a practical faith. Jude wrote that in writing of salvation that is common, or the same for everyone, it was necessary to write to urge that all would contend for that faith once delivered to the saints.

Contending for that faith is more than defending it from its critics. Contending means to carry forward. Our faith is carried forward not in desertations or defenses but through living. The doctrines delivered to the Church are important, but they are not given as the object of debate. Doctrinal Christianity is the same as practical Christianity. The doctrines were given to be practiced. Without being practical, they become mere grounds for argument. It is important our Christianity not be an exercise in intellectual argument, it must be an exercise in daily living. Those contending for the faith will be living the faith.

Despite the efforts of men, whether deliberate or misguided, to change it, the faith remains the same as when delivered. The New Testament is the faith of Christianity. Its doctrines and precepts are given to us by the inspiration of God. What God has inspired through the Holy Spirit will please Him when it is put into practice in our daily lives.

When God completed His creation, He said it was good. It pleased Him. The unthinking part of creation still pleases Him for it can do nothing else. But generally, man has failed to please Him. Since Adam and Eve's fall, men have sought to please themselves. This course has been encouraged by Satan. Every man pleasing himself is pleasing Satan, for it causes displeasure to God. This is the opposite of God's will. God will not permit men to continue in that course. There will be a time of judgment. The penalty for those who do not choose to please God will be high. All will have to acknowledge Him, all will praise Him, but only those who have lived on this earth in a way that pleases Him will be able to enjoy

eternal bliss.

God still desires pleasure from the lives of His creatures. We are the ones He is looking to this day to give Him that pleasure. Are you fulfilling His desire? Are you living to please Him?

JUST TRUST HIM

A man accidentally dropped a small item over a cliff, where it landed on a ledge. A sheep herder and his young son were nearby, so this man asked the boy if he would go down by means of a rope and retrieve the item. The boy said, "Yes, I'll go down if my Father will hold the rope." This boy did not trust a stranger, but he did trust his own father. He trusted his father so completely that he was willing to place his life in his father's hands.

It is certain that this father would have been very careful, so his son would not be harmed. Any caring parent would have been just as careful. A child knows this and trusts his parents, except when given a reason not to. Some parents aren't always trustworthy, but there is someone whom we all can trust — our Heavenly Father. As His children, we have a spiritual parent-child relationship and we ought to place our entire trust and faith in God, knowing He is always trustworthy and concerned about us.

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Psa. 118:8. This verse shows us where we can safely place our trust. If we trust in ourselves or other people, we will be sorry eventually. But if we trust in the Lord as we should, we can be as the little boy at peace even in frightening situations. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26:3. When our trust is placed where it should be, turmoil leaves and peace comes in.

So many Bible verses speak to us about trusting God. It is very important that we trust Him, as trust opens the way for God to work in our lives. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Psa. 37:5. Commitment and trust make it possible for God to do what He wants to do for us. Anything less than total commitment and trust hinders God's plan for us and cheats us out of the very things we need and want the most.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Prov. 3:5. This means you must not hold anything back. Giving yourself only halfheartedly is not really giving yourself at all. It just makes you miserable because you have made a commitment which you don't want to keep. Leaning on

your own understanding will make you miserable also. You need God's wisdom, His guidance and care to keep you on the right track and give you something worth living for. It never pays to put confidence in yourself.

"For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." Rom. 10:3. A person who is ignorant of God's righteousness or doesn't want to submit to it, generally thinks of himself as being good enough the way he is. The fact is, no one is good enough to be saved on his own merit. Whatever you may do for God cannot save you, no matter how commendable it is. The saving power comes through Christ and what He has done for us. Christ died so we could be saved from sin and we must trust Him for our salvation.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psa. 23:4. When a friend of mine was going down this valley, someone said to him, "You have Jesus; just trust Him." Life was ebbing away so quickly that he could not respond, but in death, he had a smile on his face. Why? He had accepted Jesus into his heart while living, and Jesus was with him in death. Jesus has promised never to leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5) and we can trust Him to keep His promise.

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." I Tim. 6:17. If you are trusting in your riches, if you are trusting in yourself, you will come to a sad end. Your riches can be wiped out in a moment, leaving you with nothing. You have no lease on this life and your plans will end when death comes. There is no true security except in Christ, and in Him is where you need to place your trust.

"When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." Isa. 43:2. Whether in life or in death, we can trust Jesus. No matter what the circumstances, Jesus will not allow us to be overwhelmed by them, if we belong to Him. If you have Jesus in your heart, just trust Him for all you can be here and all you will receive in Eternity. If you don't have Jesus, now is the time to trust Him as your Lord and Savior. Trust Jesus as you would no other, for there is no other whom you can totally trust.

Sister Eileen Broadwater



Go out on a limb for Christ — it will hold you!

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"EVOLUTION"

Part 4

If we look at God's great creation of the human cell, we find that it is not a simple unit. It has the membrane, the nucleus, and the cell substance. Within the nucleus is the DNA. The RNA is in the cell substance. The smallest component of the cell, a single link in the chain of DNA contains 200 parts, or molecules. The odds of this becoming that way and enlarging to a more complex being is 1×10 to the 364th power. The total number of seconds in 4.5 billion years is 1×10 to the 364th power. Now, even if the earth was that old, the first 200 molecules of substances which comprise DNA would have had to try 1×10 to the 364th power times every second for 4.5 billion years just to meet the odds and achieve the proper sequence. How utterly impossible this would have been. We can only look at a cell and know that God planned and created it. It is the only logical solution and conclusion.

The evolutionist builds his arguments on both chance and "enough time." He claims the earth age of 4.5 billion years but a young earth is only logical to the Bible man. The erosion rate of the mountains document this. Geologists have calculated that erosion will cause a mountain to lose one foot of its height every 5,000 to 10,000 years. Using the figure of one foot of erosion for every 5,000 years, we find that it would take just over 25 million years to produce one mile of erosion. Taking into account that the soil which erodes from a mountain will eventually flow into the sea (it doesn't evaporate!), one would then expect that soil to raise the water level an equal amount.

With this in mind, we can calculate that the highest point in the United States would have been reduced to sea level in 55 million years. Now remember that most geologists estimate that the Rocky Mountains were formed 65 million years ago, so we could logically conclude that these mountains should have flattened themselves 10 million years ago! See the fallacy in Satan's plan to deceive man? It is almost an insult to a thinking Christian, or any other thinking person for that matter.

Plankton, along with the other precipitated minerals and silts from numerous streams emptying into the oceans, form a sediment known as sea rain. By examining the rate at which this material builds up on the ocean floor, we can obtain a clue to the relative youth of the planet earth. Oceanographers have calculated build-up rates anywhere from one inch in ten years to one

inch in 5,000 years. (Close, huh?) Ironically, if we use the figure of one inch in ten years, we can calculate that the oceans, including the deepest portion which is six miles deep in the Pacific Mariana trench, would have been filled in no less than four million years. Thus, the first four million years of oceanic life would have caused the sea to be filled completely with dead bodies and silt. Certainly, these figures become more meaningful and revealing when one considers the evolutionist's contention that life began not four million years ago, but long before that. Look at how long his ocean has been dry! Even if we use the figure of one inch in 500 years we can see that the sediment on the ocean floor would be over ten miles thick now. Yet explorations have shown that sediment measures an average of only 1,000 feet thick in the Pacific and 2,000 feet thick in the Atlantic. Drill core samples suggest that much of this did not settle gradually but seemed to come in all at once in some sort of gigantic mud slide! Wouldn't we expect that in a world wide flood?

The Mississippi River Delta provides yet another clue to a young earth. Geologists have calculated that the mouth of the river extends into the Gulf of Mexico approximately 262 feet further each year. By dividing this figure into the total distance back to the original shoreline of Louisiana, the delta is determined to be no more than 4400 years old. Furthermore, at a growth rate of 262 feet per year, the gulf would be filled in only 10,400,000 years. The evolutionists say it has been flowing much longer than that. Maybe he believes the Gulf of Mexico is a gigantic mirage!

The Bible story of the creation is unquestionable. Read it again.

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

BALAAM THEOLOGY

In Numbers 22 and 24, we find a very interesting Bible character by the name of Balaam. This man SPOKE THE WORD OF GOD and yet it would seem that his heart was not right with God. We quote from an article in a Bible dictionary, "In the New Testament Balaam is several times held up as an example of the pernicious influence of hypocritical teachers who attempt to lead God's people astray."

In our desire to follow the admonition of II Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...", we struggle with how we are to relate to those who name the name of Christ but fail to follow the teachings of scripture as

we feel the Spirit has revealed it unto us. We have not completely settled this matter in our hearts and minds but pray for wisdom in this area.

First of all we believe if we are absolutely honest with ourselves we will admit that there is a little bit of "Balaam spirit" in all of us. At least I confess to thoughts that are not always pleasing to God and actions that harm my testimony. In Numbers 23:26, we read, "But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the Lord speaketh, that I must do?" Because of our human weakness of the flesh do we find it difficult to do "all that the Lord speaketh?"

It is in this area that we have difficulty with the "eternal security" teaching. While we readily admit that we are not perfect we do not see this as an excuse to willfully disobey the Word of God. In other words, we feel it is dangerous to take the attitude that "since I have a portion of the 'Balaam spirit' God will not reject me if I become a 'Balaam'." We believe that we can not separate scripture. Numbers 25 follows the account of Balaam. The first verse of this chapter reads "And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab." The next verse tells us that these worshipped false gods. Then in verse 3, we read, "And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel."

Secondly, we would like to investigate the idea that Balaam appeared to be a true prophet of God and yet he was influenced by those who opposed the truths of God. This portion of scripture, perhaps, leaves as many questions as it gives answers. Scholars disagree as to whether Balaam was a true prophet or not. Taking the position that he was a true prophet but one that got "side-tracked" we can see those today who preach the true "fundamental" doctrines of scripture but fall short on other Bible truths. We think of those who uphold the "fundamental" truths who command their youth to "go out and fight for your country" without quoting one New Testament scripture to back up this command. Of course, they would be hard pressed to do so, since there are NO New Testament scriptures which allow, much less command, a Christian to take a life!

Next, we would like to think of the position which says Balaam was not a true prophet of God but that God spoke through him IN SPITE OF HIMSELF. We have to think of those today who declare "JESUS CHRIST IS LORD" and yet uphold absolutely false doctrine. Is it possible that God is speaking through these false prophets in spite of themselves? Was this what Paul had in mind in Phillippians 1:18 when he said, "What then? notwith-

standing, every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea and will rejoice.”?

In Numbers 24:1 we read, “And when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.” How many times do individuals want to escape the Word of God so they “set their face toward the wilderness” to get their answers? “Other Christians do it, (or don’t do it), so it can’t be that bad” is often an excuse given. “It is different for OUR DAY,” is another common expression. When all else fails the excuse is usually given, “We just don’t understand it that way.” There are areas where, we believe, Christians can have legitimate differences of opinion. The area of prophecy is one good example. But all too often, we feel, we are allowing the “wilderness” (world) to determine our theology!

We would close with the thought that we are not desiring to cause confusion within the fellowship. We write these thoughts in the love of Christ and hope they are received in that spirit. We wish to encourage you to pray that God will continue to give us wisdom and the desire to follow Him in all His ways. We would encourage you to search your heart to see if you truly are in the will of God. We must be MORE than a mouthpiece. We must LIVE OUT the will of God.

Brother James M. Hite
816 E. Birch Street
Palmyra, Pa. 17078

THE GENEROSITY OF JESUS

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35.

If one were asked to mention a half dozen key words of Christian duty, he would be sure to place the word “give” high on the list. One cannot read the New Testament without being halted by that word, for it occurs repeatedly and always with an emphasis which arrests the heart. Indeed it has been often claimed that the Man of Galilee is wild and reckless in His theory of giving. His saying “Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away,” has been to many a mystery and an offense. But the exhortation need stagger no one if it is remembered that all action is to be subjected to the limitation of love. Mortals are urged to give as God gives, and God’s giving is always fashioned and conditioned by His love. He does not give to every man the precise thing which the man asks for. He says to all of us not once but many times, “No” “No” “No”.

Love can never give where giving would work hurt. The man half drunk who begs for money on the street corner must be refused and in every case the petitioner must be dealt with according to the requirements of the law of love.

Luke tells us that one day when Jesus was unfolding his idea of generosity, he said: "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Jesus also told His disciples "Freely ye have received, freely give." Jesus had thought and He gave it. He had ideas and He scattered them. He had truth and He shared it with men.

Jesus gave His life consciously and deliberately. It was not snatched from Him by accident or fate, but freely surrendered by a heart willing to pay the great price. Again and again He endeavored to make this plain. "I have power to lay down my life," He said, "and I have power to take it again." It was His conviction from the beginning that He came into the world to minister to men's needs and to give His life a ransom for many. It was only by the giving of His life that He could soften men's hearts and bring a lost world back to the Father's house.

The generosity of Jesus is intended to remind us of the measureless gift of the Father. His message thrills with the thought that we constantly get not what we earn or what we deserve, but what an ungrudging and open-handed God is delighted to give. If you ask why was Jesus generous, the answer is, God is love. When did a mother ever count the number of times she kissed her baby, and when did a friend ever catalogue the number of favors towards his friend, or when did a parent ever make a list of all the good things he gave his children. Love does not count.

If generosity so great has appeared in time, it must be because there is a generous heart in Eternity; if a grace so beautiful has blossomed on our earth we have a right to expect the same grace in heaven.

"There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Saviour;
There is healing in his blood."

"For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;

And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord."

Selected by Brother Don Hostetler

GOD'S HALL OF FAME

Your name may not appear down here
In this world's Hall of Fame;
In face, you may be so unknown
That no one knows your name.
The Oscars here may pass you by.
And neon lights of blue;
But if you love and serve the Lord,
Then, I have news for you!

This Hall of Fame is only good
As long as time shall be;
But keep in mind, God's Hall of Fame
Is for Eternity!
To have your name inscribed up there
Is greater, yes by far,
Than all the Halls of Fame down here,
And every man-made star.

This crowd on earth they soon forget
The heroes of the past.
They cheer like mad until you fall,
And that's how long you last!
But God, He never does forget,
And in His Hall of Fame,
By just believing in His Son,
Inscribed you'll find your name.

I Tell you friend, I wouldn't trade
My name, however small,
That's written there beyond the stars
In that celestial Hall
For every famous name on earth
Or glory they shall share;
I'd rather be an unknown here,
And have my name up there!

- Anonymous

Selected by Sister Ruthanna Sauerwein

SIXTY YEARS AGO

December, 1922

DYING AT THE TOP

J. M. Danner

Having spent much of my childhood in forests or near by them, there was implanted within me, early and intense love of trees. This was especially true of the chestnut forest, which each autumn produced an immense harvest of chestnuts, but alas, what has happened? Their former beauty and fruitage has all past away, and why? You can now search these groves for miles without finding a nut. The intelligent observer will notice that these giant fathers of the woods have contracted that deadly disease of the forest kingdom — blight. Slowly, but surely, one by one, these giants are attacked and their usefulness destroyed. But observe the first signs of its invasion are seen at the top, and the withering on the top creeps lower and lower and in the course of a few years acres and acres of valuable forests have become ruined, almost entirely worthless.

Simple as this illustration may seem, yet it has preached a profound sermon to me, whose moral is: Once decay sets in at the top, in a plant, or individual institution, nation or church, there is no stemming its fatal downward course. This has been the sad experience of nations and churches in all ages in the history of the world.

A parallel to what has taken place among the giants of the wood, may be seen in our present day social, national and religious circles. Signs of decay have made their appearance at the top and its downward course is becoming more apparent each day, in and out of churches. This is by no means a new discovery. Others with clearer vision and keener judgment than mine, have forewarned and freely spoken of it long before this. When Mr. Alfred Wallace, discoverer with Mr. Darwin, of the theory of evolution, was asked on his ninetieth birthday what progress the world had made during his long life he replied that modern social and religious circles instead of showing intellectual, moral and spiritual advance, have profoundly declined. Notwithstanding all our modern discoveries, inventions and superior advantages, we are far from being as good as our fathers were. We know more of science, but less of virtue. Look where we may, we see moral and social depravity. Spiritual and social diseases are rampant. Vice festers on the very surface of society, political corruption runs riot, and religious corruption is obvious. Those at the top are

foremost in corruption. Those below follow the example that is set them on high.

Our own Emerson, shortly before his death, strongly expressed his belief that progress in our day has not been keeping pace with our decline. With the increase of science, knowledge and prosperity, has come a decrease of New Testament righteousness. While we are acquiring new sciences, we are losing old virtues, while we are trying to gain material wealth, we are losing highly prized spiritual treasures. Our political, social, moral and religious deterioration has started at the top and is fast percolating through the lower strata.

Other men and women have spoken plainly along this line, to show spiritual depravity raves at its worst in the upper strata. The higher the social position, the lower the morals. The greater the wealth, the greater the corruption. The viler the novel, the larger the number of readers. Among the fashionable, the more scandalous the play, the surer its popularity among the socially select and elect. God, to them, has become a bugaboo to frighten children with, a superstition to keep the rabble in check. The Bible is classed with Grimm's Fables or Anderson's Fairy Tales. Sport has taken the place of worship. There is honor for the golf or dance instructor, for the ballet or movie star. Little or none for the preacher, especially if he is a true preacher of righteousness. Divorce, uncompromisingly forbidden, has become a common practice. The higher the social position, the more frequent marriage infidelity. Indulgence in intoxicating liquors and cigarettes, regarded by many of the former generation as a disgrace even to men, has become the favorite sport of the women of the smart set. "The painted woman" that was looked upon with horror and contempt in Biblical times, has made her appearance among our own sisters, and has become most frequently sought and courted by the world. Idleness, parasitism, self indulgence, extravagance, pleasure and fashions have rarely been as shockingly common as they are today among our so-called topmost of society, which has given away to magnificent church houses, and worldliness to an astounding degree in our own fraternity. If, as has frequently happened before, corruption and decay at the top, constitute the beginning of an end, the end cannot be far distant, "for the very elect of God is permitting itself to be deceived", as pointed out by the apostle.

One of the greatest causes of this decay is the lack of authority, which was the distinguishing characteristic of Christ's teaching, "He taught not as the Scribes and Pharisee, but as one having authority." This laxity is especially seen in the Protestant division

of the professing Church, and readily recognized in our recent conference decisions. Every man choose his psalm and every man practices his doctrine. The latest theological fad is, that in true religion, there is no final authority for the Brethren to accept this doctrine, is to accept its execution. The only ground upon which the Church has any right to appeal to men is that it has been founded upon authority, no less an authority than the Bible, and nothing but the Bible, as the Word of God, and with this, as its authority it has been given "The keys of the Kingdom." Protestantism, from which the Church of the Brethren sprung, was born out of Romanism. It came out as a protest that the Church of Rome was setting itself up above, as the word of God, that the Church was claiming the right to fall back upon the opinion of men. Protestantism not only protested against Romanism as the preverter of the Bible, but as an ultimate denier of the Bible, Protestantism came forth with blazoned on its banners, "The Bible and nothing but the Bible." On this, it staked all its claims. It thundered in the ears of Pope and prelate, Church and Conference, "thus saith the Lord," as the end of all controversy. And men listened, as men will listen, to the voice of eternal authority. The Church today is throwing away its authority. It is making a complete surrender, and for this reason it has lost, and is losing its power with the multitude. For when a church no longer speaks with authority, it ceases to have a right to speak at all.

"Pure and undefiled religion" is to the world, what sap is to a tree. When its sap no longer reaches the top, it will die and die completely. Civilization is dying because the church is failing. By restoring the latter to its New Testament position, we could easily restore the vitality of the former.

Ours is the duty. If we are not to prove ourselves base ingrates, unworthy descendants of worthy sires, we must keep unpolluted and sacred, "The faith once delivered to the saints," at such a tremendous sacrifice.



What you are is God's gift to you, but what you can become is your gift to Him!



"This piece of marble," said a sculptor, "costs a thousand dollars. I careful ought to be with chisel."

"This bit of rosy clay," said a parent, "cost the precious blood of the REDEEMER. How careful ought I to be molding it for Him."

OBITUARY

MINNIE BROADWATER

Sis. Minnie Broadwater died October 27, 1982 at the Frostburg Community Hospital, at the age of 78 years. Born in Garrett County, Maryland, she was a daughter of the late Harmon G. and Harriett (Bittinger) Broadwater. She was a faithful and loyal member of the Broadwater Chapel Congregation, of the Dunkard Brethren Church.

Surviving are five brothers, Howard W. and Grover C., LaVale, Maryland; Edward C., Corriganville, Maryland; Herbert L., Baltimore, Maryland and Robert H., Mill Run, Maryland. Also nine sisters, Mrs. Della Beeman, LaVale, Maryland; Mrs. Flossie Beeman, Knapps Meadow, Maryland; Mrs. Edith Long, Cumberland, Maryland; Mrs. Theresa Broadwater, Mill Run, Maryland; Mrs. Nellie Llewellyn, Barton, Maryland; Mrs. Myrtle Broadwater, York, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Rozella Rounds, and Mrs. Thelma Bittinger, both of Grantsville, Maryland and Mrs. Lillie Broadwater of Westernport, Maryland with whom she lived and was cared for the past seven years.

Services were conducted from the Boal Funeral Home, Westernport, Maryland by Elder Paul R. Myers assisted by Bro. Carl Broadwater. Interment was in the Laurel Hills Cemetery, Moscow Mills, Maryland.

NEWS ITEMS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Editor is moving! Immediately, all correspondence for the Bible Monitor should be addressed to 1138 East 12th Street, Beaumont, California 92223. Thank you.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who remembered me through prayer, get-well cards, flowers and visits, while I was in the hospital and also while recuperating at home from my surgery and illness.

Thanking you again and may God bless you all.

In Christian Love,
Brother Charles Marks

DIRECTORY OF BOARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dale E. Jamison, Chairman
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Ray R. Reed, Secretary
Box 12, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Joseph E. Flora, Chairman
R. 3 Box 12, Adel, Iowa 50003

Hayes Reed, Secretary
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

William Carpenter, Treasurer
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Harley Rush
R. 1, Converse, Indiana 46919

Galen Litfin
1314 East 7th St.
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Dale Jamison
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Jacob C. Ness
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

Frank Shaffer
13062 Grant Shook Rd.
Greencastle, PA 17225

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Howard J. Surbey, Chairman
749 W. King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340

Jacob C. Ness, Secretary
136 Homeland Rd.
York, PA 17403

H. Edward Johnson, Treasurer
5-1307-S.H. 108
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Dean St. John
1040 Hillsdale Road, R. 1
Camden, Michigan 49232

Warren C. Smith
McClave, Colorado 81057

BIBLE STUDY BOARD

William Carpenter, Chairman
8012 Cavender Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256

Eugene Kauffman, Secretary
R. 6, Box 51
Harrisburg, Virginia 22801

Warren C. Smith, Treasurer
McClave, Colorado 81057

Rudolph Cover
2034 Roble Ave.
Modesto, CA 95351

Dennis St. John
Rt. 1
Bryan, Ohio 43506

RELIEF BOARD

Boyd Wyatt, Chairman
4925 Tegner Rd.
Hughson, CA 95326
209-883-4138

Newton Jamison, Secretary
512 Garfield
Quinter, Kansas 67752
913-754-3433

Kyle Reed, Treasurer
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167
515-677-2467

Virgil Leatherman
419 N. Queen St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-5753

Robert Carpenter
R. 5, Box 97
Peru, Indiana 46970
317-395-7879

TORREON NAVAJO MISSION

David Skiles, Superintendent
R. 2 Box 8
Cuba, New Mexico 87013

Hayes Reed, Chairman
1433 Overholtzer Dr.
Modesto, CA 95355

Kyle Reed, Secretary
R. 1, Box 4
Minburn, Iowa 50167

Newton Jamison, Treasurer
Quinter, Kansas 67752

Harley Flory
R. 4, Defiance, Ohio 43512

All contributions to the various Boards should be made out to the Treasury, but sent to the Secretary for his records.

Paul R. Myers
Box 117
Greentown, OH 44630

(USPS 054-780)

BIBLE MONITOR

VOL. LX

DECEMBER 15, 1982

NO. 24

"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
---	--

OUR AIM: Be it our constant aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:
Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star:
Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear:
Sinners, wrung with true repentance,
Doomed for guilt to endless pains,
Justice now revokes the sentence,
Mercy calls you, break your chains:

James Montgomery

GIFTS

Apparently at this season the giving and receiving of gifts is the most important thing. From conversations, advertisements and promotions, it is evident that gifts are the foremost consideration of most people. Christmas is a commercial holiday based on the sale of merchandise to be used as gifts.

The intentions of most people in the giving of gifts is good. They want to express their genuine gratitude to others. Yet the gifts often divert attention from the center of Christmas — Christ. Whether it is right or wrong to celebrate this holiday, it is never wrong to worship Jesus. Jesus is the symbol of gifts, given in love even to the undeserving.

The gifts that are given at Christmastime are material. They generally do not last long. No matter how beautiful or expensive a gift may be it will not last eternally. These gifts are only for this life, but God has given gifts that may be enjoyed in this life and also eternally.

The gifts exchanged among men are usually given to those whom we feel are deserving. The gifts given by God are given to the undeserving. Even the best are undeserving of the least of God's gifts. Yet He continues to give them.

Jesus said that it was more blessed to give than to receive. He is an unimpeachable witness on that subject, for He gave to the utmost. He gave up His dwelling in the beauties of Heaven to come to this planet, where He was fashioned after the body of mankind. He gave of Himself in service to mankind during His ministry, yet was mistreated and ridiculed. Finally He gave His life a ransom for sinful humanity. He suffered an ignominious death on the cross. He gave not because it would benefit Him, but us. Yet because He gave, He will be exalted by all, even the unbelieving,

THE BIBLE MONITOR**DECEMBER 15, 1982**

Published semi-monthly by the Board of Publication of the Dunkard Brethren Church in the plant of Glanz Lithographing Co., Rt. 4, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Office, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Terms: Single subscription \$2.00 a year in advance.

Send all subscriptions and communications to the editor.

MILTON COOK, Editor; 1138 East 12th St., Beaumont, CA 92223

JAMES MEYERS, Assistant Editor; R. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

JACOB C. NESS, Associate Editor; 136 Homeland Road, York, PA 17403

and by the Father.

Jesus spoke of the ability of men to give gifts among themselves and their families. His conclusion was that if men were able to give gifts then how much more was God able to give gifts — even better gifts. His gifts are far ranging.

Even the natural gifts of this life are from Him. He has given us life itself and a world that He has designed to sustain that life. The more we learn of this world's composition, the more we see His attention to detail. The air we breathe and the soil we plant our seeds in are all made just so they will work for our good. What could we do with all these parts of creation if He did not give us health and strength and certain abilities? We each have been given certain talents, whether one or two or five, to be used. He allows us to labor for our daily bread, but we must not forget what He has given us, so we are able to do that work.

His gifts to us are not limited to the physical and material. He also has given us Spiritual gifts, if we are His children. As Christians, His Holy Spirit dwells within us. This gives us the ability to understand the Bible when we read it. Although the world can appreciate the Bible as great literature, only Christians can understand it as His message to them. There are many tasks to be done within the Church and He empowers His children to do them. Although all the tasks may not be visible like the ministry, still the Holy Spirit is needed to do them. In our private lives His direction is needed that we might have knowledge of His Word and that our lives might be according to His will.

His greatest gift is eternal life. This has been bought for us by the dear price of His Son. Our salvation is a gift because we did not deserve to be saved. Our just deserts would have been the eternal separation from God in Hell. Even though we had been contrary to Him and His will, still He provided the means for our escape from what we deserved. His Grace provided the perfect sacrifice that made salvation available to us. It is available, but we must accept it and we must accept it on the terms He has given. Grace and mercy have placed the choice before each one. This is God's gift to us.

From time to time we hear of those who are willing to give an organ from the body to another whose organ is damaged. Their selfless giving may mean that gift of life to the afflicted. Even if their years are lengthened by this gift, still they must face death some time. Earthly gifts are only for time. God's gift is for eternity. Have you accepted His gift? Your acceptance of that gift is the best thing you can do for yourself and for those around you. Do it now during this season of giving.

THE BETHLEHEM BABE

Once in a manger lowly
Hundreds of years ago
A little babe so holy
Came to this world below.
Near was a crowded city,
Bethlehem dark and cold
Here Joseph sought for pity
Chill was the night and cold.
Joseph and Mary weary
No one would take them in
Slept in a stable dreary
Nigh to a crowded inn.
Out on the hillside frightened
Shepherds beheld a sight
For all the sky was lightened
On that December night.

First Chorus:

First Chorus:

Angels sang out the sweet story,
"Fear not for, lo this morn
Jesus the Christ of glory
A little babe is born."

Far from the east came strangers
Led by a star their way,
Kept safely from great danger
Seeking the Christ they say.
Came to the manger lowly
Bringing their gifts of love
Worshiped the Babe so Holy
Gift of the world above.

Second Chorus:

Glory to God in the highest
Peace and goodwill to men.
Glory to God in the highest,
Ever, Amen! Amen!

Selected by Brother Clarence Gehr

THE CANDOR OF JESUS

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

In earlier times the word, "candor" meant whiteness or brightness but in modern speech candor is openness, fairness, outspokenness, sincerity. Many a man does not possess it. He is taciturn, reserved, secretive. He keeps the door of his heart shut. When he says a thing you cannot tell how much he means, for you do not know the extent of his reservations. When he does a thing you cannot tell what he is going to do next, because you do not know how fully his act has embodied all which exists in his heart. He gives himself fully to no one. He is the man with the barred lips and the bolted heart.

Outspoken and frank himself, Jesus was in harmony with souls which were free from guile. And here we find one of the reasons why Jesus always extolled the disposition of a child. Without the child heart no man can enter Heaven. And why? Because the child heart is always the open heart.

Where can you find such candor, such beautiful frankness, such surprising and sometimes discomfiting outspokenness as in a little child. One of the reasons why Jesus set a child in the midst of the disciples, saying "This is what you ought to be," is because a little child is the embodiment and perfect example of candor.

The Gospels team with illustrations of this surprising and daring frankness. One day in talking with some Sadducees — representatives of the aristocratic and influential classes of Palestine — He told them bluntly that they were always falling into error because they were so ignorant both of the Scriptures and of the power of God. It was a needed word, for people who know little and think they know much are sometimes helped by having their attention called to the limitations of their knowledge; but to give such reprimand is not an easy thing to do. It was by His outspokenness that Jesus attempted to cure some of the infirmities of men.

His love of fairness comes out clearly in His warning both to the twelve and to all who wanted to be numbered among His followers. He will hold back nothing. No man shall ever follow without first knowing what risks and dangers discipleship involves. Read the tenth chapter of Matthew as an illustration of His candor. He wants the twelve to do His work, but before they start they shall know what sort of experiences they may reasonably expect. "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves."

Again and yet again His friends and followers, less candid than their Master, have shrunk back from His boldness and have watered down His words, trying to make them mean less than they carry on their face. But men who thus try to evade the plain

language of the Scripture are not candid.

On His candor, we have a right to build both for time and eternity. When He says that if we do not repent we shall perish, and that only those who are born from above enter the kingdom of light, we have every reason for believing that these statements are true. And when He says that His disciples are going to do greater things than were ever done in Palestine, and that He will be with us always even unto the end of the world, why should we not believe Him?

And since He is so frank and open with us why should not we be open-hearted and frank with Him? If He tells us truly the things in His heart, why should we not tell Him truly the things which are in our hearts? He has given Himself to us: why do we not give ourselves to Him?

Selected by Brother Don Hostetler

THE DANGER OF SPIRITUAL PACIFISM

In Ephesians 6:12 we read, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

We have spoken out many times against the teaching of political pacifism which denies that worldly governments have the right to defend themselves. We have recently become aware of a thinking which is as deadly, if not more so, than political pacifism. We have chosen to label this thinking "spiritual pacifism." In essence this thinking declares that a Christian is not to be aggressive in defending the faith. Those who follow this line of thinking feel it is wrong to do "spiritual battle" unless you are personally encountered. Some would even go so far as to declare it is wrong to defend your faith in any circumstances if it includes challenging the thinking of another individual. We would now like to look at some more specific areas that involve this line of thinking.

First of all we would like to look at what is usually referred to as the "cardinal doctrines of the faith." These are truths which we will not only not compromise on but use as guidelines for fellowship. These include the virgin birth, the sinless life, the shed blood for our salvation, the bodily resurrection, and the literal second coming of Jesus Christ. Those who deny these truths are usually not aggressive in doing so, although there are some exceptions. In fact, they will use language which leaves you unsure just what they do believe in many instances. "Spiritual pacifism" would say that we are not to "do battle" with these individuals but to try to understand what they are saying. In II Corinthians 10:4-5 we read, "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty

through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

The second area we would like to look at which involves "spiritual pacifism" is our relationship to others concerning matters of faith. This, many times, involves Bible truths which are looked at as merely church tradition. Let us be very emphatic in stating that we must separate church tradition from Bible tradition. When you put church tradition in the same category as Holy Scripture you are falling into the same error as Roman Catholicism and the cults! In Galatians 2:11 we read, "But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed." This was written by the Apostle Paul. This great man of God was no "Spiritual pacifist." Peter had an area of weakness that had to be pointed out and Paul did not hesitate to do so. Let us throw up two cautions at this point. First of all when we confront an individual it is to be with sincere love and concern. It is NOT to be with an attitude of wanting to prove us right and them wrong. Secondly, if WE are always the one to do the correcting and never receive correction from the words of others it is time we do some soul searching!

Our second area of concern had to do primarily with those within our own faith. Last, we would like to look at "Spiritual pacifism" as it relates to those of other faiths. Today, there are those who would have you take a "kindly attitude" toward non-christian faiths. In St. John 14:6 we read, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY ME." We are to uphold Jesus Christ and do spiritual battle with all other faiths! Most who are not a part of the cults oppose these various faiths. But it causes us to wonder if some do not oppose them because they refuse to join the "ecumenical movement" rather than for the right reasons. Are the cults any more in error than those who deny the cardinal doctrines mentioned earlier? If a movement describes "salvation" as political freedom or freedom from want and slavery rather than personal salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ is it not in as much error as the cults? So called "Liberation theology" is as false as any of the cults and we must do battle against it! In Galatians 1:8 we read, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Then there are those who would have you recognize others as "brothers and sisters in the Lord" because of an experience or statement. We do not want to put ourselves in the place of God and decide who is saved and who is not. But neither do we wish to embrace everyone and anyone just because THEY

SAY they are saved. If they live an inconsistent life and refuse to "come out of the world" we refuse to be "Spiritual pacifists" and make them feel good in their sins. We invite others to "judge" us on the same basis. Finally, there are those who embrace teachings contrary to the whole of scripture. In the book of Jude we read that we should "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the Saints." We feel this includes such things as non-resistance, the prayer veil, immersion baptism, and the possibility of departing from the faith. We, personally do not use these as a basis of fellowship (in the larger sense of the term) but we will contend for these truths with individuals who deny them. It is also unfair to delegate these as "unimportant." **EVERYTHING TAUGHT IN SCRIPTURE IS OF IMPORTANCE!**

In conclusion, we realize that we can become "self-righteous" if we are not careful and also that we can become zealous without love. But this is no excuse for "Spiritual pacifism" which calls us to lay down "our sword", **THE WORD OF GOD.**

Brother James M. Hite
816 E. Birch St.
Palmyra, PA 17078

THE FIRST TIME HE CAME

Luke 2

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed... And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

"And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

The time had arrived. Jesus was to be born! His earthly parents had been chosen, the birthplace had been selected and announced in prophecy, but there's something wrong. Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem, but Joseph and Mary lived in Nazareth, about seventy-five miles away. Were they going to have to move in order to fulfill God's plan, or would their present location be good enough? Their present location did not correspond with the

prophecy. All things concerning Christ were to be fulfilled exactly, but how could this be done when the home of Joseph and Mary was in the wrong town?

The chief priests and scribes knew exactly where Jesus was to be born (see Matt. 2:4-6). God had given them this information in advance. They knew He would be born of a virgin, a humanly-impossible event, and the time of Jesus' birth was prophesied also. Each prophecy had to be fulfilled, and it could only be by God's hand, in His time. The time for Jesus' birth had arrived, and it was a very special event.

Let's go back to Nazareth now and think of Mary for a moment. She no doubt was becoming uncomfortable and most likely was staying close to home in anticipation of the birth soon to occur. Then one day Joseph came home with the news that they were to be taxed and the worst of it was they had to go to their own city for this. Can't you hear Mary saying, "Must you go now, Joseph?", and his reply, "Not just me, Mary. We both must go. I know it is a long journey, but there is no choice."

Soon Mary and Joseph started out for Bethlehem. The Bible does not say whether they walked or rode a donkey, but either way, it was a tiresome journey. A Roman ruler had issued a decree for taxation, worded to get Mary to Bethlehem at just the right time for the birth of Christ. This was not a mere coincidence — it was planned by God — but it is doubtful that Joseph and Mary were aware of God's hand in the matter. They probably thought only of complying with the tax decree.

Jesus' birth was an outstanding event, even though the place of birth was not. There were no lavish preparations for His arrival, just the bare necessities. Even so, the King of the Jews had been born and God provided a royal welcome. There was an angel to make the announcement and a host of other angels to express praises. While the shepherds were given the message, the glory of the Lord shone around them. After the angels were gone, the shepherds went to Bethlehem and spread the news all over that area.

The good tidings of great joy were spread abroad then, and these same tidings are still being conveyed to the world. Jesus came the first time as a Babe to be our Savior. He came to extend mercy to us and reconcile us to God. The next time He comes, He will come as our Lord and King, to be our Judge and seal our destiny. Have you listened to the good tidings and accepted Him as your Savior? If you haven't, the next time Jesus comes will be a sad event for you. He came once, and He will come again. Are you ready?

Sister Eileen Broadwater

WHEN JESUS WAS BORN

By Olive Weaver Ridenour

MARY

Joseph is sleeping, and the Babe
Is quiet now. The morning light
Tells me another day has come.
Can it be true that just last night
His holy birth took place --
The dream is now reality?
Jesus, the Son of God, is born!
My Son... God's Son... how can it be?
So good a man is Joseph!
He could have brought me
And the Child to public shame,
Had he not believed God's messenger
Appearing in a dream. Since then
He has been quoting prophecies,
Things that the ancient Scriptures say.
The trip from Nazareth was hard,
But we were glad to get away
From knowing looks and wagging tongues
That followed us for many a day.
And we both knew the prophecy
That when God sent His Son to man,
The great Messiah, long foretold,
Was to be born in Bethlehem.
The shepherds said an angel spoke
And told them of a Saviour's birth;
A heavenly chorus sang God's praise,
"Glory to God! And peace on earth!"
How wonderful, to have His birth
Announced by angels in the night!
I do not comprehend it quite.
The Babe stirs in His sleep. Meanwhile
I keep recalling prophet's words,
And pondering, will this come true?
"His kingdom... there shall be no end...
A Saviour... every tongue shall own
His Lord... He shall be great, and reign
And God shall give Him David's throne!"

JOSEPH

Today the sons of Abraham
Are slaves beneath the Roman yoke --
Romans who scorn our prophecies
Of which the ancient fathers spoke.
Strange that by Caesar's own decree;
Just at this sacred time, we come
To David's city, Bethlehem,
To register, for tax, our names.

When we arrived in Bethlehem,
Each house was crowded to the door,
Mary was tired... her time was near;
Where could we go? She must have rest
And shelter — and at once! We knew
No one. Strangers we were, in need.
This stable, then, would have to do.

Strange! But I love that little mite.
As though He were, in truth, my own.
I shudder when I call to mind,
But for a dream, I had not known
The wonder of His coming as
Fulfillment of the prophecy --
"A virgin shall bring forth a Son..."
And God chose her — Mary — to be
The one! I was so hurt, so grieved.
Until that night the angels said,
"Fear not to take Mary, thy wife."
But then my doubts and fears all fled,
And I recalled old prophecies,
That God would send His Son to earth
"Born of a virgin" — and this town
Of Bethlehem would see His birth.

Selected by Sister Ruthanna Sauerwein

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**"FINAL CHAPTER ON EVOLUTION"****Part 5**

In this issue, we will conclude this series on Evolution.

One of the most convincing proofs of a young, God created earth, is the relatively rapid decay of the Earth's magnet. This magnetic field has a half life of about 1,400 years. So, just 7,000

years ago, it would have been thirty-two times as strong as it is now and 10,000 years ago as strong as a magnetic star. Metallic objects would have been so adherent to the earth's surface that to move them would have been impossible. That is only 10,000 years ago... how ridiculous to believe that it could be billions of years old.

Population figures are equally as absurd if we believe in evolution. In 2,000 B.C. there were only an estimated 110 million people on the earth. It becomes obvious that even the most simple minded individual can see that if man had evolved, we would have been wall to wall people before now... even one or two million years ago is impossible! To produce the 2,000 B.C. population in only one million years, a net increase of only 110 people each year would have been the rule.

The evolutionist literally creates time. Carbon 14 dating for measuring the age of bones, and so forth has been used for years. Carbon 14 is produced when the gas, nitrogen, which makes up eighty percent of our atmosphere, is acted upon by cosmic rays. When the canopy of water vapor was in place, the amount of ionizing rays was at an all time low. Because of this, very little Carbon 14 would have been formed in the pre-flood period. Thus, living things from that time would not have contained nearly as much Carbon 14 as those living afterwards. We conclude, then, anything that was animal or vegetable which died prior to or during the flood would today appear much older than it actually is.

I must interject here that we can see that with the passing of time, things tend to degenerate, not generate, if left to themselves.

I suggest that you read closely in Genesis and see how we came into being and how all things were formed according to God's PERFECT plan.

I pray that I have given you some concrete evidence that the universe, the earth, and all of life are part of a well designed plan conceived in the mind of God and not in some Darwinistic-scientific super plan that eliminates God. Everything and everybody has a place in God's plan. That is where you are and where you belong! I could share much more information with you that I have been taught in the world's secular education system but I feel that I have given you ample documentation to believe and communicate to others... without hesitation... that they have been seduced by Satan if they do not literally take the Bible for the authentic truth.

God alone created all that is! God alone keeps it running in perfection. Praise His holy name!

Brother Leonard Wertz
Torreon Navajo Mission

THE GLORIOUS AND BLESSED HOPE

Our faith must be anchored in Jesus to have the glorious and blessed hope of eternal life. God has shown us the riches of this grace through Jesus Christ. No one can stand the storms without Him. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1. We can prove our hope by the works of truth and righteousness. We are not ready for the kingdom of Heaven without a living hope. The latter part of the Apostle Paul's life represents the anchor of the soul. He had a strong hope for the Crown of righteousness prepared for the true and faithful. When we accept the plan of salvation we can have a lively hope for Heaven. Many faithful men of God had a lively hope.

Faith, hope and charity are closely related. Faith without works is dead. Without a life of truth and righteousness there can be no lively hope. The way to a lively hope is for us through the resurrection of Christ from the dead. Everyone who has the true hope of Heaven purifieth himself as He is pure. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Rom. 5:1-5. Our hope of Heaven should come first in our lives. We should always be ready to give an answer for the hope that lies within us. Our responsibility is to be a witness to all.

Hope is of our greatest treasure. This hope is a resurrection of life itself. Hope is an anchor of the soul. When Christ rose from the grave it gave the disciples a renewed hope. It was made possible through Father and Son the most glorious and blessed hope.

Is this blessed and glorious hope living within us? Faith without works of righteousness is dead. Faith brings forth works of righteousness and a valuable hope.

I have often heard it said that as long as there is life there is hope. This can also be the case in the spiritual side of life. Sin brings forth spiritual death. True Christians when separated from loved ones in this life need not sorrow as those who have no hope. Is our lot cast with those who will come forth with the resurrection of the just? We can live a life to come forth in the first and best resurrection. Is it our experience?

In hope of heaven I find relief,
Although my heart is bound with grief,

A balm for ev'ry wound is sent;
With Christ, my Shepherd, I'm content.

Brother J. F. Marks
Rt. 9 Box 860
Plant City, Fla. 33566

FAITHFULNESS

Simple faithfulness — Isn't it remarkable how much the Word of God makes of it. Jesus doesn't require us to do great things unless it is a mission of His will. He asks that we be faithful each day of our lives — simply faithful.

The work we do should be done to the best of our ability. The stand we make in resisting temptation and continuing in obedience will determine our loyalty to God. The mission we set out to do will be faithful if we perform it according to His specifications and use all of our talents and gifts He has given us. "The world crowns success... God crowns faithfulness."

The life we have here on earth is just a trial period to see what we are capable of achieving for Christ. To achieve for Him requires faith, without which we can have no achievement. With obedience and faith we will be given the REAL life in which we are asked to live. Faithfulness to our tasks as Followers will place us in a position to be given greater responsibility in Christ's Kingdom.

"And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities."

Brother Eugene Trujillo
Torreon Navajo Mission



Do what you can, being what you are,
Shine like a glow worm, if you can't be a star.
Work like a pulley, if you can't be a crane,
Be a wheel-greaser, if you can't drive the train.



"Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can."

- Wesley

OBITUARY

DEWEY SHAFFER

Dewey F. Shaffer, 84, Greencastle, Pennsylvania passed away September 2, 1982 at the Chambersburg Franklin Farms Nursing Home.

He was born June 18, 1898 in Grafton, West Virginia. He was the son of the late Levi G. and Cora Catherine (Pierce) Shaffer. His wife, Bessie P. (Fike) Shaffer died April 14, 1976.

He was a charter member of the Swallow Falls Dunkard Brethren Church and later transferred his membership to the Waynesboro Congregation.

Surviving are five children: Retha Shaffer, Akron, Ohio; Foster Shaffer, Manheim, Pennsylvania; Frank Shaffer, Greencastle, Pennsylvania; Elsie Reimer, Sylvania, Kansas; Beulah Bert, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, sixteen grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held September 4 at 2 P.M. in Waynesboro Dunkard Brethren Church with Elder Jacob Ness and Elder Howard Surbey officiating. Burial was at Upton Church of the Brethren Cemetery, Upton, Pennsylvania.

NEWS ITEMS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Editor has moved. Please send all Bible Monitor correspondence to him at: 1138 E. 12th Street, Beaumont, California 92223. Thank you.

BETHEL, PENNSYLVANIA

The Bethel Congregation enjoyed another lovefeast October 31 with the following visiting ministers: Allen Eberly, Laverne Keeney, Jack Snyder, Rudy Shaffer, Jan Heisey, Merle Sweitzer and Paul Hartz with Bro. Hartz officiating in the evening.

Sister Fern Kegerreis, Cor.

APPRECIATION

We wish to express our thanks to all those who sent cards and letters during our loss. We received over two hundred cards and letters, which were very much appreciated. It's consoling to know others share in our sorrow.

Our Heavenly Father knows best, may we submit to His will. May He bless each one of you.

Sister Grace Surbey and family

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY, 1983

DESIRES

Memory Verse: Psa. 90:12

So teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts
unto wisdom.

Sat. 1 - Psa. 90:1-17

Memory Verse: Luke 22:31-32

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon,
behold, Satan hath desired to
have you, that he may sift you
as wheat: But I have prayed for
thee, that thy faith fail not: and
when thou art converted,
strengthen thy brethren.

Sun. 2 - Luke 20:27-47

Mon. 3 - Luke 22:1-20

Tues. 4 - Luke 22:21-44

Wed. 5 - Luke 22:45-71

Thur. 6 - Luke 23:1-26

Fri. 7 - Luke 23:27-56

Sat. 8 - John 12:1-25

Memory Verse: Acts 3:14

But ye denied the Holy One and
the Just, and desired a murderer
to be granted unto you;

Sun. 9 - John 12:26-50

Mon. 10 - John 16:1-18

Tues. 11 - John 16:19-33

Wed. 12 - Acts 3:1-26

Thur. 13 - Acts 7:1-30

Fri. 14 - Acts 7:31-60

Sat. 15 - Acts 8:1-25

Memory Verse: Rom. 10:1

Brethren, my heart's desire and
prayer to God for Israel is, that
they might be saved.

Sun. 16 - Acts 8:26-40

Mon. 17 - Rom. 10:1-21

Tues. 18 - Rom. 15:1-16

Wed. 19 - Rom. 15:17-33

Thur. 20 - I Cor. 14:1-20

Fri. 21 - I Cor. 14:21-40

Sat. 22 - II Cor. 5:1-21

Memory Verse: II Cor. 5:1-2

For we know that if our earthly
house of this tabernacle were
dissolved, we have a building of

God, house not made with
hands, eternal in the heavens.
For in this we groan, earnestly
desiring to be clothed upon with
our house which is from heaven:

Sun. 23 - II Cor. 7:1-16

Mon. 24 - II Cor. 11:1-33

Tues. 25 - II Cor. 12:1-21

Wed. 26 - Gal. 4:1-31

Thur. 27 - Gal. 5:1-26

Fri. 28 - Gal. 6:1-18

Sat. 29 - Eph. 2:1-22

Memory Verse: II Cor. 7:11

For behold this selfsame thing,
that ye sorrowed after a godly
sort, what carefulness it wrought
in you, yea, what clearing of your-
selves, yea, what indignation,
yea, what fear, yea, what
vehement desire, yea, what zeal,
yea, what revenge! In all things
ye have approved yourselves to
be clear in this matter.

Sun. 30 - Eph. 3:1-21

Mon. 31 - Phil. 1:1-30

Memory Verses: Gal. 5:26

Let us not be desirous of vain
glory, Provoking one another,
envying one another.

Phil. 1:23-24

For I am in a strait betwixt two,
having a desire to depart, and to
be with Christ; which is far
better: Nevertheless to abide in
the flesh is more needful for you.





